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COMMUNITY NEWS

Fight leads to Maryville man's death

By Dominic Genetti, Kenny Larabee Community News Editor, Chief Reporter

One man is dead and another is back in custody.

Steven A. Leach died after suffering wounds from a pocketknife following a fight with Steven T. Sapp, March 30 in Pickering, Mo. The fight occurred in the driveway of Leach's

Sapp, 29, of Tarkio, Mo., has been charged with second-degree murder and is being held at the Nodaway County Jail on \$250,000 bond.

Leach, 40, of Maryville, left the scene in his pickup truck, but passed out from excessive blood loss after driving two blocks, Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey said.

Leach was taken to St. Francis Hospital in Maryville where he was pronounced dead.

A few hours later, Sapp was arrested at his parents' home at 812 Walnut St. in Tarkio.

Leach arrived at his mother-in-law's home shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday night and encountered Sapp in the driveway, Espey said.

Leach's wife, Ruschia "Corky," was present at the time of the altercation, but Espey said no charges will be filed against her.

Leach's 5-year-old daughter, Harley, was in the truck at the time of the accident, but she did not sustain any injuries, according to Missouri Highway Patrol crash reports.

Leach lived in Hopkins with his family before

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Steven Sapp

NORTHWEST FOUNDATION

New Alumni Center plans move ahead

By Lindsay Jacobs **University News Editor**

(This is the first of a two-part series on the new Northwest Alumni Center.)

Growth requires improvement.

The Northwest Foundation recently approved drawings to move to the construction phase of the new Alumni Center.

In the past few years, the foundation experienced growth. This project will improve alumni facilities, as well as provide further room for growth, Alumni Relations Director Steve Sutton said.

"Our goal is to engage and reengage some alumni, we feel this project will be advantageous for

that," Sutton said. The Foundation board has approved \$4.9 million dollars for the project. Donor

Steve Sutton, alumni relations director money will not be

used; instead the money will come from issued bonds, Sutton said.

The proposed center will be built on the corner of College and North Munn avenues. Houses that are currently located at 714, 718 and 720 College Ave. and the one located at 325 N. Munn Ave. will be removed in order to accommodate the center. These properties are owned by the foundation.

The center will be two stories. Alumni Relations will be located on the first floor of the building with office space and conference rooms, Sutton said. The second floor is for development offices also

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UNIVERSITY NEWS

Car accident kills student

Northwest student Jeremy L. Harris, 20, died Saturday, March 31, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Harris was driving northbound on U.S. 169 when he either misjudged the turn to go eastbound the Missouri 152 ramp or lost control, according to the Kansas City Star.



Jeremy L. Harris

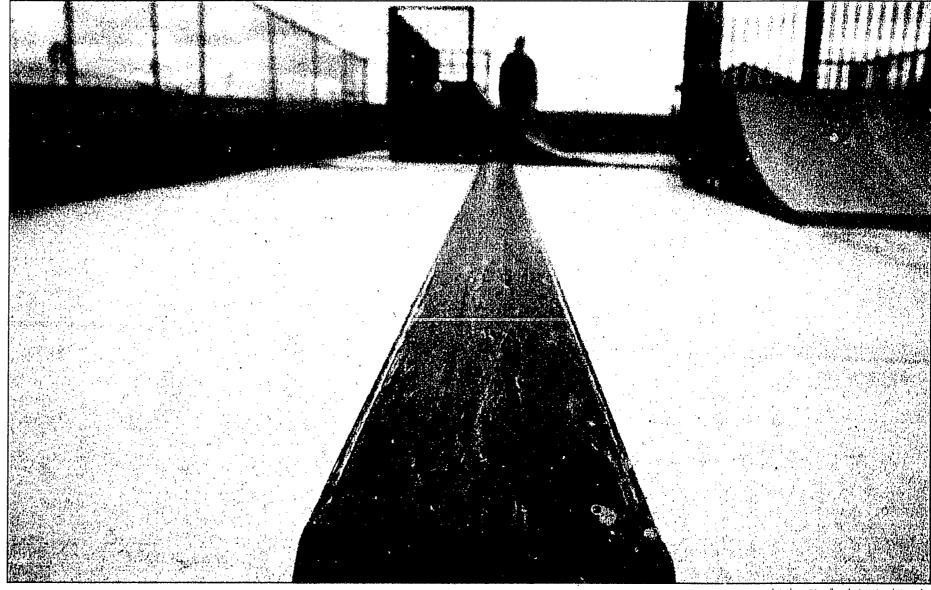
He vehicle went off the roadway, crossed an open area and went off an embankment, according to the Star.

Funeral services for Harris will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, at the Sheffield Family Life Center in Kansas City.

COMMUNITY FEATURE

Beyond the street





LUCAS LARSON, A Northwest graduate, grinds along the side of the ramp at the new skate park.

Not just a hobby, skateboarding emerges as true sport

By Christopher Woodland Missourian Reporter

> e rolled across the concrete surface of the Maryville skatepark on his new, black Askateboard.

He wore a new shiny black helmet, black and blue elbow and knee pads and a neon green Nixa T-shirt. "Look Mom, I'm doing it," 4-year-old Elijah May-

Mayfield began skating just a couple weeks ago and illustrates the shift in the general perception of

skateboarding over the past few years. The kids in his father Wes's youth group at the First Baptist Church introduced Elijah to skateboarding, his mother Sara Mayfield, 26, said.

"He always sees the kids on skates and thinks that they are the coolest thing in the world," Sara said. "All the kids he watches are good kids and do a lot of things with the church."

Sara sees nothing wrong with her 4-year-old already skateboarding as long as he's careful.

"I definitely wouldn't let him do it without pads," Sara said. "I don't know what I will think when he's good enough and doesn't wear them."

Skateboarding hasn't always been looked upon in a favorable way. It evolved from something viewed as a hobby to having special televised events on ESPN and an event in the X Games. It even impacted the

way people dress. Skating companies' hats, shirts and shoes like Volcom, Hurly and DC are worn even by non-skaters.

"In eighth grade it was assumed that everyone (that skated) just got high all the time, and now there's an advertising impact," Northwest senior Matt Terwilliger said. "A lot of companies just make skateboarding clothes for people who don't skate. There are shows like 'Rob and Big' and people try to make careers out of it. People realize that there's talent there, and not just punks"

Terwilliger began skating in eighth grade, not because he watched a show on MTV about it, or played one of the several Tony Hawk video games. Like Elijah, friends introduced Terwilliger to the sport, and he developed a raw love for the hobby.

"The sounds," Terwilliger said. "I went to a skate park with some friends and the sound of the board going across the rails, and the wheels hitting the ground was just awesome."

Maybe the perception hasn't changed as much as the actual skaters and their parents.

While skaters like Terwilliger and learned about skating from their friends, or television, a new generation of skaters find out about skating at younger ages just like Elijah Mayfield.

Unlike Elijah though, who learned about skating from other kids, some are taught to skate at a very young age by their skater parents.

Mya Smyles, 28, and fellow skater David Ivey, 21, took their families to the Maryville skate park at around 6 on a Thursday evening.

While skating, they also taught their children some skateboarding skills. Like the Mayfields, they see skateboarding as a positive activity for their children to participate in.

"It's a good hobby and it keeps the kids out of trouble," Ivey said.

Another reason for the change in opinion of skateboarding could deal with the polishing and coming of age of a hobby that was once an act of rebellion towards the older generation.

"It's progressed a lot now, it's a sport now," Smyles said. "It used to be skate on people's poles and piss them off. Since I've been skating, it was rebellion, now it's an art form."

Smyles and Ivey are parents like the Mayfields who take their kids out to the skate park and teach them how to skate, something that was a lot less common 10 years ago.

The rebellious aspect of skating has diminished in 2008, but some people still see it as a menace with many places banning skating in front of their businesses. The Barney Alice Plaza in Kansas City banned skateboarding with a \$250 minimum fine charged to anyone they catch breaking that rule. Ivey

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Mya Smyles, skater

MISSOURI STATE ARBORETUM

University calls on community to replant trees

By Sara Kendall Missourian Reporter

Several new trees will be planted in the soil and in the hearts of everyone affected by the ice storm of late 2007.

Project plant-a-tree will continue the recovery process of the Northwest Arboretum. It will take place at 2 p.m., Friday, April, 11.

Northwest serves as the Missouri State Arboretum.

Project plant-a-tree will start at the Bell Tower with a tree planting by Northwest President Dean Hubbard to commemorate all those who have helped with the cleanup.

Adam Stone, a campus arborist will demonstrate how to plant a tree. All vol-

unteers will be split into several groups and each group will be responsible for planting new trees in a specific area of campus.

A severe ice storm destroyed several trees on the Northwest campus.

As a result of the storm, 79 trees had to be completely removed and another 340 trees were pruned in hopes of giving the trees the best chance of survival, said Lezlee Johnson, associate director of Environmental Services and director of the State Arboretum.

"We wanted to save trees that have been around for 50 or 60 years," she

The arboretum has become a focal point of beauty in the Maryville area. The destruction of so many trees brought

the community together to restore the arboretum, Johnson said.

Several organizations and individuals

on campus and in the community have come together in the effort to replace the damaged trees on campus, Johnson said. More than 200 new trees have been purchased through donations by Greek organizations, alumni and other organizations, she said.

It is not only important to replace lost trees, it is also important to maintain the variety of species of trees on campus. Diversity of species promotes growth and stability, Johnson said.

Most trees that will be planted in the coming year are species the arboretum

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How to Help?

tion to the project.

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100 volunteers have already signed up. 100 more will be needed to make the

250 will receive a T-shirt for their contribu-

The project will begin at 2 p.m., Friday, April, 11. To

volunteer contact Volunteer Services Director Amy Nally at 562-1954.

Missourian

wins award

in New York

A few weeks ago, Northwest

Student Publications, along with

340 other universities from around

he country, traveled to New York

City for the College Media Advis-

Here, the Northwest Missou-

"This is, in my opinion, even

rian won the Apple Award for non-

pigger than a Pacemaker (equiva-

ent to collegiate Pulitzer) because

there is only one winner and the

Missourian won this. I think this is

the biggest honor the Missourian

has ever received," Student Pub-

lications Director Laura Widmer

The Apple Award was recently

renamed the David L. Adams

Apple Award, after a friend of

"To get the first one named

Two issues were chosen and

Editor in Chief Kristine Hotop

chose the Jan. 17 and Jan. 31 issues,

because community news, univer-

sity news, Vibe and sports sections

Since winning the award, there

have been several requests for

Northwest to send copies of their

newspaper to other colleges to be

compared with other collegiate

"We have set a standard that

other people are trying to achieve

and that is a great feeling," Widmer

said. "We are a point of comparison

and if they can do as well as us that

successful publications such as the

papers from Western Kentucky and

you expect to compete against

them, but you never expect to win.

When Laura (Widmer) told me we

had never done that before, that

The Apple Award should be

"The cool thing about it was

celebrated by every one, Widmer

that it wasn't just me and Evan (the

managing editor), everyone has a

The Missourian was up against.

s a motivation for everyone."

Fruman Widmer said.

was huge," Hotop said.

hand in it," Hotop said.

were put together well.

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udged by editors from the New

after him was important to me,'

Widmer's suddenly died.

daily broadsheet newspaper.

By Destince Biesemeyer

Aissourian Reporter

ers Convention.

Series comes to a close with sculptor

Sculptor Gail Simpson will have an exhibit in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building first floor gallery.

The exhibit is open and runs through Friday, April 25.

Free food, music highlight next week's block party

The Residence Hall Association will host a Block Party from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the Bell Tower.

There will giant inflatables, prizes, free food and the band Cohesion will play at 8 p.m. For more information e-mail RHA@nwmissouri.edu.

Radio station hosts rock band contest

X106 will hold a rock band competition 7:30 to 10 p.m., Saturday, April 12, in the in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The winner will receive an Xbox 360 and Rock Band. Applications can be picked up at any Residential Hall.

For more information, contact 562-1162.

Reception planned for retiring faculty

A reception for those who are retiring will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., Thursday, April 10, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom

Those being honored are Deborah Clark, Richard Frucht, Suzanne Frucht, Michael Graham, Patricia Lucido and Frandis Shipley.

Steppers plan to host dance show

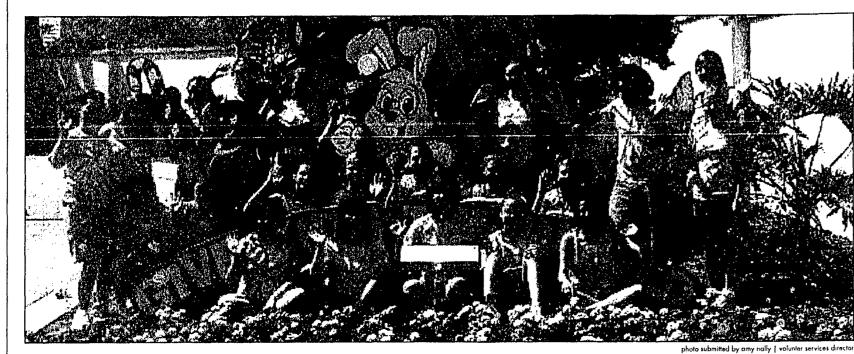
The Bearcat Steppers will hold a variety dance show at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 10, in Bearcat Arena.

Tickets are \$5 for and \$3 for

students and children. They will perform a variety of dances and there will be guest

performers.

A break from the ordinary



THE ALTERNATIVE SPRING Break group poses in front of Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Fla., where volunteers spent their spring break assisting children

Students 'give kids the world' during week in Florida

By Shane Sherwood Senior Reporter

Some students spent their spring break in Florida, but instead of partying, they were helping others. Twenty-one Northwest students got the opportunity to use their spring

break to benefit society. Northwest Alternative Spring Break (ASB) places teams of students in communities around the nation to engage in community service and learn something about social, economic and humanitarian issues in

Director Amy Nally said. "Volunteering gives students the opportunity to meet new friends, network and make a difference in others' lives," Nally said.

amazing locations, Volunteer Services

This year, students traveled to Give Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Fla. Students helped the children and their families to have a memorable experience during their stay at the village, Nally said.

Approximately 1,100 families are served by Give Kids the World Village this year because she wanted the anyone." "Along with many helpful vol- dren.

unteers, this makes the wish child and their families visit very magical,"

Nally chose the village because, she wanted to give the students an said. "I also got involved because I opportunity to work with humanitar- wanted to help children smile with of the houses we were working on," person in the outcome."

ian efforts and with children who had life-threatening illnesses.

"It was an opportunity for the students to see how non-profit organizations can truly contribute to communities and to those that they serve," Nally said. "Give Kids the World provided excellent hands on experience with real life situations for Smith said.

Nally also believes ASB gives students to opportunity to selflessly give up to give back to society.

ASB provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills and enhances civil responsibility. It is a great way to get involved and help others, Nally said. Northwest student Heather Smith

said ASB is important, because the group helps give back to the com-"ASB is also important because Party.

it shows that people of all ages can come together to do something wonderful for someone else instead of

ience of working with chil-"I am going to be working with children when I am older and I really get involved with the children," Smith

meaning and not have to worry about Stensland said. "Just by the stories their medical conditions for a week. I wanted to help the children escape the

> While helping out for ASB, students did yard work, normally in the morning, while in the evenings, they would play with the children,

On Monday night, Smith helped with the Kids Night Out, Parents Night In. During the party, she got the very sick. chance to hang out with a 6-year-old boy, Max, who was from England. Thursday was Christmas at Give

"There was a parade and the children all got gifts from Santa, and I helped with the set up for the party,"

Kids the World, Smith said.

which was a Pirates and Princess girls' names down on a certificate

that made them princesses," Smith life like his brother." said. "I loved watching the children She also got involved with ASB have fun. They deserved it more than sland began to appreciate her life involved with ASB since last year,

Miami to build homes for the Habitat thought this would be a great way to for Humanity-Collegiate Challenge.

they had told me about how they were suffering before I was given

the opportunity to change their lives made me change about how I felt about my life. I thought I had a hard up bringing, but after hearing what they were going through, I felt like my up bringing was perfect." This year, Stensland met 7-year-

"He was my little brother for one night," Stensland said. "He changed how I feel about life. He is very sick, and he could possibly pass away any time soon. But he kept a smile on his

old twin brothers; one of them was

face for the most part." While at the Give Kids the World Village, some kids did not look sick, The last day of ASB was Friday,

"He was acting like a typical 7-year-old boy," Stensland said. "But I "I helped out with writing the know deep down he knows he is sick and he won't be able to live a normal

While participating in ASB, Sten-

don't have the thought of one of these when the program sent students to days liust might pass away and can't fight my sickness," Stensland said. "I think ASB is one of the best experi-"Last year, I got to meet one of ences anybody can take part in. It is the families that had moved into one a lot of work, but it changed me as a

Alternative Spring Break is important, because it shows that people of all ages can come together to do something wonderful for someone else instead of themselves,"

Heather Smith, student

CAMPUS

Spurlock set to speak Sunday

Missourian Reporter

Morgan Spurlock has been roving around the globe in action hero style, filming his hunt for Osama Bin Laden. On Sunday, April 6 Spurlock will take another type of journey to Maryville for a rescheduled campus appearance at 7 p.m. in the Per-

forming Arts Center. The documentary filmmaker of "Supersize Me" comes to campus with a new project in the bag and sense of timing. Spurlock's most recent movie "Where in the World is Osama Bin Laden?" has a release date of Friday, April 18 and premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January, where Spurlock had taken ill.

Due to pneumonia and "doctor's orders," Spurlock was forced to take a rest from his travels to

date of Jan. 31. Student Spurlock was stuck in Utah for over a week said Student Activities Council Lecture Chairman Wesley Miller.

Undeterred, Miller was able to reschedule the event and said this experience has given him a new sense of real-life, a feeling similar to the results of Spurlock's projects.

"It has made me as an individual step back and look at the reality of things and realize that sometimes things can't be perfect," Miller said.

In the same light, Spurlock's unscripted television show "30 Days" shares intimate life experiences on altering levels. Entering this program explores pressing social issues by juxtaposing unexpected people and situations doing it." in month-long experiments. This ing same-sex parenting, animal rights and life in a wheel chair. Spurlock's speech will address a topic that he personally encoun-

tered on the show. "One of the main topics that hit home for me and I know for a lot of college students is the topic of minimum wage," Miller said of the event's chosen theme. "One episode showed how he and his wife couldn't live on minimum wage, the effects of that, and how

it breaks the family apart." In videos of previous campus tours on Kepplerspearkers.com, a bit of people there," Miller said. Spurlock discussed the experience of promoting in different countries and being motivated to one—it's just not for one specific produce movies and shows that target group."

thing I'm going to do is suddenly run off to Canada or run off to France or to change my name to Jean-Pierre," Spurlock "Because you know that

live in ... think about the

state of this country ...

and make people look

at what is happening

"Because the last

I'm proud to be an American and I love being an American and I love this country."

Spurlock's passion recently

around us.

took him on a mission to England, France, Morocco, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Jordan, Afghanistan and Pakistan where he discussed the war on terror with Arabic people while looking for Osama Bin Laden. Spurlock, described as a human "guinea pig" by Keppler Speakers, is known to jump onto the test table Maryville on the original event or into danger in order to shed light on relevant social issues.

> "make the world safe" with the anticipated arrival of his nowborn son, Laken James. Despite the social activist's heartfelt intentions, Miller recently found evidence that

> Spurlock's efforts are not admired

However, his latest quest was

also motivated by a desire to

After discovering a "We Hate Morgan Spurlock" Faeebook group with 1,000 members, Miller was surprised.

"Overall he brings an amazing message and I hope the community members and Northwest students can see that he is not trying to cause controversy," Miller its third season on FX in June, said. "He wants to be real with us and he just brings the issues to the table. He does a great job

Morgan's appearance at season will take on issues includ- Northwest is free and open to the public. Everyone in the community can take advantage in learning about the variety of topics Spurlock reaches, plus "he can be really funny and has a big impact on people," Miller said.

Although the rescheduled event is on a weekend, Miller hopes that the extra work-effort required by the change of plans will show in audience atten-"It's on a Sunday, but hope-

fully with the name being Morgan Spurlock there will be quite "I feel like so many people can take a lot away ... it's for everyNORTHWEST WEEK



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COMMENTARY

Missourian reporter gets hypnotized

By Micheal Clements Chief Reporter

As I walked off the stage, for a few moments I was an exotic dancer. Coming to my senses I thought to myself "what the hell am I doing?"

While I don't recall much of the night, on March 20, Hypnotist Jim Wand came to Northwest, and I was one of the hypnotized students on As Wand directed us to stare into

a light, the colorfulness slowly relaxed my eyes as everything became blurry, and I blinked, many, many times, before eventually closing my eyes. The light starts the induction of

hypnosis, Wand said. "Some people see the light blurry,

for some there's a big black glow pears altogether," Wand said. "Each although in reality it was probably a person experiences it a little bit differently, that's what's so unique about horrendous sight to see.

well from the night was watching one My experience with hypnosis was of my roommates, who was also hypnotized, act like Carrie Underwood It took some time before remembering what went on, and with my singing the song "Before he Cheats."

friends laughing while they explain to I don't know if I laughed at the me the details of what went on, parts time, but it was very funny. Reese, of the night slowly came back to my you make a great country singer, but wouldn't quit college just yet. I also got the chance to judge a

long time. Hypnosis is comparable to butt instruments. I thought the musicians were terrible and needed more One of the major highlights of the

around it, some have where it disap- While I am not sure who won the com- arrangement of balloons was actupetition, I felt I deserved the victory, ally the King of Pop, and she would believe it was true until she walked out of the building, or one of the bal-One thing I do remember very loons popped.

> After snapping back to reality, I observed the girl with the balloon figure as one of the balloons popped Rather confused, she asked her friends "What was this?" They laughed as one replied "Michael Jackson." While the main purpose of the

night was entertainment, it wasn't all fun and games. Before walking off stage as an exotic dancer, Wand had the participants think of one thing they really wanted to change in their life. The one thing in my life I would change is ... a secret.

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Toward the end of the show, Wand

butt band, featuring people playing

Students get lesson in voting

It felt like a dream, and it was by

far the greatest rest I have gotten in a

night was a dance competition, to the

eight hours of sleep, Wand said.

By Lisa Houtchens

Chief Reporter

Students' voices do count.

This year the Student Activities Council presented two speakers who appeared on the "Real World" to inform students to vote and every

vote does matter. With a Blackman, woman and a war veteran as candidates, the 2008 presidential election will be among the biggest and most important in U.S. history, Robin from "Real World San Diego" said.

"It's your duty as an American to get out there and vote," Robin said. voting process."

goals are educating students about are for the instant gratification or make a change."

voting and get a positive message the effects to come shortly after they "Any time you can get students

Voting takes time, it isn't instan-

taneous, it is a process. Students are

can't take the time to vote. Students

always busy with something, so they

thinking about voting is successful," thon," he said. Student Activities Council Graduate Assistant Sara Smith said The importance of voting is crucial for students, because the

> person who is put into power ultimately affects everyone in America. process, it will help change society, "It's not just about voting, it's

about being motivated, to take part in everything around you," Syrus said. "It's not just this election or just this vote. It's encompassing every tool that society gives us."

"Students should get involved in the The speakers Syrus from "Real World Boston" and Robin weren't trying to sway the students to vote for one candidate over another. Their

start something, Syrus said. "It's not a sprint, it's a mara-

> Staying knowledgeable is not difficult for students anymore. Student today are an Internet generation with information on standby. Robin

"Ten minutes of news that inter-Once students get into the voting ests you will stick with you," Syrus

Students should look at the issues and what is important to them and not look at the party of the candidate that is when you find

educated voters, Robin said. Student Laura Palermo thought the speakers made it clear to know which candidate stood for certain issues and that is important to her. "The young peoples' vote is very important," Palermo said. "They can

By Julie Livengood, RD, LD Campus Dietitian

he practice of mindfulness, round for thousands of years, is a way of thinking. It is a technique in which people become intentionally aware of their thoughts and ctions in the present moment - non-judgmontally. Research uggests that those who practice mindfulness enjoy physical and emotional well-being, includng improved self esteem, better management of depression and

reduced blood pressure. One area of mindfulness focuses on eating. It is not a diet. It is not a fad. Basically, mindful eating is eating to live, not living to eat. It is eating intuitively. It is the simple practice of paying attention. When you practice mindful eating, you listen to your body, eat when you are hungry and stop when you are satisfied.

The key to mindful eating is to be in the present with mind and body Eat an orange for its flavor, smell or texture; not because you are sad, angry or fearful about the pas or future.

Think about how children eat they eat enough to satisfy their hunger and then they are ready for play. If you eat like a child, you will find that you may start eating smaller meals more often throughout the day. Studies have found when a person eats like this, body metabolism increases; blood sugar levels stabilize; and one finds a healthy weight for their body.

Being conscious of what is happening in your life on all levels tasting, seeing, hearing, feeling - is the first step to being mindful The challenge is yours: nurture yourself ... start with one mindful meal a day.

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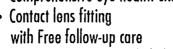
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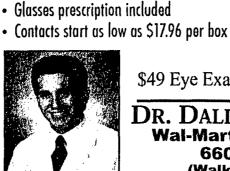
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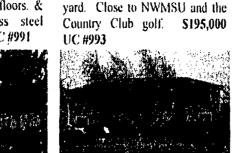
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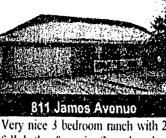
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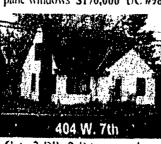


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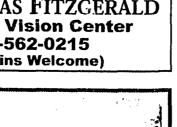
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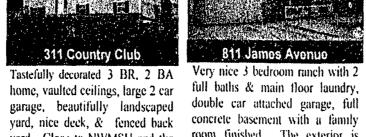


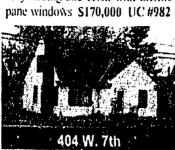
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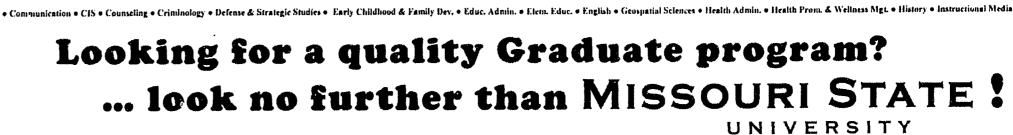








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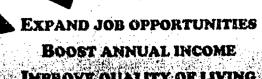
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MY VIEW

Time to protest the protesters

walking around on campus on Tuesday probably noticed the man holding a large sign bearing the image of an aborted fetus. The intent

was clear—to protest the practice of abortion-

but the way he chose to convey his message raises a question: When does protest become counterproductive? There is a fine line between speaking out for a cause and offending the public.

and in doing so, he drew attention away from the real message and turned it into a freak show.

it's a protest protest. Using extreme and offensive measures to fight for a

"Don't Ask Don't Tell" in the military? Don't protest If your conviction for a cause is so great that you'll

at a basic level, good intentions.

the general public.

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The abortion protester on campus crossed that line,

To be clear, this column is not an abortion protest,

cause ultimately does not help that cause. Disagree with

exploit and disrespect people to make a point, you are probably not the right person to send that message. There are ways to shed light on an issue that won't leave the general public disgusted, confused and offended. We concede that the protester on our campus had,

After all, abortion is barbaric and controversial and certainly not to be compared with a mole removal. But regardless of your feeling on the issue, from its medical implications to a woman's right to choose, we think it's clear that everyone has a right to an opinion, but nobody has a right to exploit innocent people and upset

students and community members interested in being

So, if you're a political animal, a news fanatic or just need hortliwestmissourian@hotmail.com.

OPINION



changed. They appear in print as they

do on the Web site.) In response to "Familiar Union cashier plans retirement after 2

posted 3/25

Even though it has been five years since I graduated I can still remembe the true kindness of Irma. She was definetly a bright spot to campus dining and will be truly missed. Best wishes Irma and know you are appreciated by even Alumni Bearcats.

posted 3/20 Irma will truly be missed. During my time as a student at Northwes (which was longer than normal) always found it amazing how it seemed like she knew everyone that ever came through her line. While checking people out she would make conversation and laugh with the students. She has truly become a landmark in the Union and I'm sure that she will be missed, Good luck Irma on whatever you do after May.

In response to "Your Man is anti anti-smoking" posted 3/19

Give it a break. Nobody ever died from someone throwing up on them at a bar. And how many times does anyone have someone throw up on them compared to the number of nonsmokers who end up breathing secondhand smoke at many venues. And to suggest that people who lose money at casinos are all on a robbery spree?! Nice try at changing the subject. The reality is that secondhand smoke kills 53,000 Americans a year, mostly due to heart attacks/heart disease.

Lemonade Diet posted 3/21 Humans have the ability to adapt When smokers at bars are not allowed to smoke, they just go outside to smoke. I know these 2 women who shared an

apartment. They both went outside when they smoked. Why? They had 2 cats and they did not want to give them cancer. tj spurgin posted 4/1

thank you someone finally plunges a sword into the heart of the dragon. im so sick of our elected officals trying to take away the simplest of rights, just look at lawrence ks it used to be a great but how can you watch the band if you ne has went to this guestopo tactic as

place to go see a up and coming band have to go out side to smoke. lincoln well, it wouldnt be as bad if the people that made the laws went to the bar anyway but we all know they dont or at least they dont go to our bar, this isnt california people this is america were not communist out here.

In response to "'10,000 B.C.' doesn't stand the test of time" Brandon R posted 3/21

Dear Brian Johnson, I want to preface this by saying that lin no way think 10,000 B.C. was a great movie (Also, I do know that movie titles are underlined or italicized and not put in quotation marks. I'm not sure... (the full comment can be viewed online at Nwmissourinews.com). **James Bentley**

posted 3/31 I was just reading the review. I believe it is dead on with the film. And Brandon R., I am pretty sure that the quotes around the movie title is their style, much like AP style. And secondly, its a college newspaper, not the New York Times. I mean, the Missourian is great, but you have to look at it differently than a national syndicated newspaper. The reviewers are students, not professional film critics. Lay off.

Second Amendment remains a topic of debate

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U.S. AIRWAYS FLIGHT

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution has crossed paths with the Supreme Court once again, the first time since 1939. Before I dive any further

into this, I must say what the Second Amendment states. According to the Constitu-

tion, the Second Amendment is defined as "a well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Does this amendment give explicit definitely an issue.

whole, which is the militia (the National Guard) in this sense?

vidual should have the right to own a present active precedent.

Constitution was referring to the Militia. When the Constitution was written, and the first 10 amendments ratified, I

believe that an individual's right to possess a firearm wasn't really an issue. However, I do believe that the states' right to have an armed militia was most

rights to individuals to bear arms, or does I also believe that the right of an it instead give the right to the collective individual to bear arms was taken as

ing is great. I feel it is my Second Amendment refers explicitly to right to protect my home the individual, legally there could still and my family. However, I be restrictions, and this would most defialso think that textually the nitely be a restricted amendment. If, however, the Supreme Court decides that the amendment refers to

If the Supreme Court decides that the

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that of only the militia, nowhere in the United States Constitution does it restrict individuals from owning a gun. It would in turn be left up to the states to determine whether or not it is appropriate or necessary for an individual to own or carry a firearm. And if allowed, to

ties and cities of that state. Regardless of which way you lean toward, realize that with any decision in common law, which is not written down this case, there will be changes to what is in constitutions or legal documents, but currently practiced today. Both sides will Personally, I believe that an indi- instead is universally believed and is a be making sacrifices regardless of which side "wins" or "loses."

what extent that law should be regulated

would in turn be determined by the coun-

MY VIEW

Staffer: There are only 24 hours in a day, time to cut some slack

Thank God for spring break. After months of studying, taking tests and putting out stories for newspapers, a week-long break may be just enough to get me through April. I guess I'll find out because now the heavy loads hit.

Before Heft, I watched a video titled "A Vision of Students Today" on Youtube.com. The piece was created by Michael Wesch and about 200

Kansas State students dealing with issues such as workload and debt that college students face today. While K-State is much larger than Northwest, much of it was still applicable to students here in Maryville. If you haven't seen it, you should go to a test, sometimes multiple tests, Youtube.com and check it out.

Kenny Larabee

another week of newsdays smacked me right I understand that

tests and papers are essential for evaluating the progress that classes. It wouldn't be a

very efficient setup if students were just asked to use the honor system. My problem though: How do I find time for all of this stuff?

Most weeks I have multiple assignments in class, sometimes video games. sometimes an essay. I also have to that I went without having to worry I thought of the video because as write stories for the newspaper you about a story, a test, an assignment,

load of a term paper, an the local paper than I do writing for On top of school, I still have to put paper stories and two gas in my car, food in my belly and

tests in the span of two a roof over my head. I really don't want to get any further in debt than My advisers say that I also need to branch out, network and learn

that we, as a country, are overweight, so I also have to make time to exercise. Dude, if I could make time, do

you think I would be in college? I certainly wouldn't make time for exercising. I would make it to play

CAMPUS TALK

I cannot remember the last day

journalists, the work-sixth grader makes more delivering paper or being somewhere that I don't want to be. I also read somewhere that I'm supposed to get at least eight hours of this thing called sleep.

> I think I'm teetering on the brink of insanity. If you see me running through the town square in nothing but my birthday suit, flailing my arms wildly and shouting, "Rubber baby buggy bumpers," at least you'll what can make me more desirable to

Some might argue that all of this is preparing us for the real world. I can sort of see that, but I'm a nontraditional student. I was a full-time worker for the better part of the last 10

years. It wasn't nearly this hard. My days consisted of basically whatever I wanted in the morning and then going to work in a factory for eight hours at night. And trust me, in this day and age, factory work is not "low-skill" work. It's hard,

recently returned from now hold in your hand. If you think researching, doing laundry, washing dirty and requires lots of training. It's a convention for college that pays for bills, think again. A dishes, exercising, writing a term more than just turning a dial or pushing a button. It's taking machines completely apart and putting them back together, so that they'll make a completely different sized part for a car, a jet or an everyday appliance.

Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't trade my last job for this. I would rather spend a night reviewing American Idol or burn my eyes out with a red-hot poker than work there. All I'm asking for is a little slack.

If you're a professor and I come up to you, and I don't have an assignment, or it appears that I put forth a lackluster effort into a test, please don't look at me like I'm the laziest person on earth or put on your "Uh-huh, more likely boozing it up until four in the

And even if I was, should I feel guilty about a little "me" time? Maybe I should. After all, there **PUBLIC SAFETY**

March 6 ■Structure fire report, 26000 block 238th March 14

#Kenneth Heimsoth, 20, Maryville, MIP 2000 block S. Main

■Barbara L. Heflin, 47, Maryville, simple assault, 600 block E. Third St.

March 17 ■Julie B. Alley, 21, Maryville, simple

assault, 400 block N. Mulberry

March 19 Larceny, ongoing investigation, 900 ■Melody S. Demar, 49, Maryville, wanted on warrant, 400 block N. Mar-

March 20

■Katherine E. Rinas, 20, Independence, Mo., altered license, misrepresentation of age, 300 block N. Market ■Andrew J. Leis, 19, Maryville, MIP, 300 block N. Market

March 21

■Smoke alarm investigation, 300 block ■Nathan W. Castle, 22, St. Joseph, Mo., driving without a valid driver's license, 300 block N. Vine ■Phillip A. Dawson III, 23, Maryville, driving while suspended, 500

block N. Market **MAbdulhaleem M.A. Sioty, 21,** Maryville; Vivesh Sharma, 24, Maryville; Kostadin M. Malchev, 20, Maryville, peace disturbance, 400 block N. Walnut St. ■Business larceny, ongoing investigation,

600 block S. Main March 23 ■Nathan M. Woodward, 25, Maryville, indecent exposure, 300 block

March 24 ■Property damage, ongoing investigation, 1000 block N. Country Club.

■Amy C. Wooten, 35, Maryville, disorderly conduct; Jeanette R. Hamm 58, Maryville, simple assault, disorderly conduct, 1100 block N. College Dr. Larceny from a motor vehicle, ongoing investigation, 100 block N. Buchanan March 25

■James D. Gavvert, 31, Maryville, wanted on warrant, 400 block N. Vine Leaving the scene, ongoing investigation, 300 block S. Market ■Grass fire report, U.S. Hwy 71 North and Hawk Road

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GUYS AND DOLLS Hair Studio introduces an imaging program, where clients can see potential hair styles on similar face shapes to their own. Customers can click through different hair lengths, colors and up dos to suit individual preferences.

Salon brings new hair-style technology to Maryville

By Katie Luers

Guys and Dolls Hair Studio has

almost a retro feel. Stylist Mindy

Munziger kept the look clean and

classic when she designed the work

many different kinds of people.

in walkers," Munziger said.

The salon's atmosphere attracts

Missourian Reporter ■Virgil L. Henning, 77, Tarkio, collided with Terry K. Wilson, 61, Pictures of celebrities, new and Parnell, Mo., U.S. Business Hwy 71 and old, line the walls. All of the decorations have a contemporary look.

March 20 ■Ashley M. Rausch, 19, Blue Spring Mo., cited for failure to yield right-of way, collided with Kelly P. Hersh, 44, Maryville, U.S. Business Hwy 71 and West South Avenue

■Shannon D. King, 32, Barnard,

Mo., wanted on warrant, 400 block N.

■Domestic assault, ongoing investiga-

■Johnny T. Breeding, 19, Hopkins,

Mo., wanted on warrant, 1600 block S.

■Fraud, ongoing investigation, 200 block

Recovered bicycle, 1000 block N.

■Jilliam R. Runde, 22, Maryville,

operating a motor vehicle with an open

■William P. Pope, 46, St. Joseph,

Mo., DWI, failure to display headlights,

■Larceny, ongoing investigation, 900

■Charles J. Taube, 27, Rosendale

Mo., driving while revoked, wanted or

ACCIDENTS

warrent, 600 block N. Main.

West South Avenue.

container, 900 block E. First St.

tion, 1100 block E. Halsey

March 27

March 28

March 29

March 30

March 31

200 block S. Charles.

White Ridge Dr.

March 21 ■ An unknown driver collided with Brenda Barger, Maryville, U.S. Busi-

March 22 ■Penny G. Woods, 48, Gentry, Mo., collided with Adam J. Adwell, 28

Maryville, 1200 block S. Main St. March 24 ■Irma R. Copeland, 57, Maryville, cited with failure to stop for steady

red light, collided with Jeanette A White, 69, Maryville, at the intersection of U.S. Business Hwy 71 and West South ■ An unknown driver collided with Brian L. Talbott, Maryville, 1600

images to view potential hair dos. The hairstyles include ideas ■ An unknown driver collided with for all lengths and show all colors. Robert R. Schmidt, 62, Maryville, Eventually the program will be able a.m to 5:30 p.m., and every Saturday

After looking at the different choices, a card is printed off so the customer can compare hairstyles and

choose between them. The program also comes with hairstyle instructions to ensure that the customer gets the exact hairstyle that they want.

Northwest student Jeremiah Benson has mixed feelings about the imaging program. "It is kind of unrealistic, but it

gives you a good general idea of "There are college kids to people what your hair will look like," Ben-Now the salon is making a business decision that will help move it It will help bring more people to

the hair salons Benson said. Benson has lived in Maryville his entire life. Beginning in the next couple of months, new technology will be "If one salon does it the others available for those wanting a hair might follow suit," Benson said. The salon also offers free color

The salon has invested in an consultations for customers. imaging program, allowing people to "We help the customer find their natural hair color," Munziger said. view haircuts before they get them. Customers can search through For the program to week, a picthe book with all of the different ture is taken then downloaded onto choices to find the color they want. the computer program with all of the

Both men's and women's haircuts cost less than \$15 and a child's With the help of a stylist, the cushaircut costs only \$8 for a child that tomer can click through the various Guys and Dolls Hair Studio is

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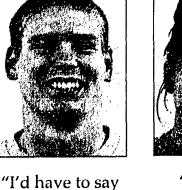
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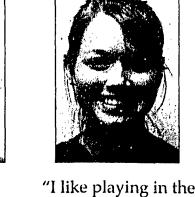


always fun,"

Ryan Jackson



What are your favorite warm weather activities?





Ashley Gay



Jake Ritter

COMMUNITY

CITY BRIEFS

Chorale to perform Handel's 'Messiah'

The Nodaway Chorale will present Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. April 27 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church, 333 S. Davis in Maryville. Tickets are available from chorale

singers and at the Bookstop, 220 N. Main in Maryville. Prices are \$10, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students with ID and children under 12 are admitted free.

Luncheon, auction to benefit NNHS

The New Nodaway Humane Society will sponsor a benefit luncheon and silent auction from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 10, at the First Christian Church in Maryville to raise funds for the county-wide

Tickets for the event are \$6 each and are available by calling 562-3049 or e-mailing Nwaaa07@nwmissouri.

'Cat Walk to benefit **Cystic Fibrosis**

St. Francis Hospital and Health Services teams up with Northwest's "Be Well Committee" to host the annual 'Cat Walk.

The walk is open to all residents in northwest Missouri with proceeds to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foun-

The 'Cat Walk will take place in side Bearcat Arena on the Northwest campus from 9 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on The cost to walk is \$2 per person.

In addition to the walk, a health fair will take place. The health fair will begin at 8 a.m. and will include screenings for

bone density, blood pressure and lung function as well as information on cystic fibrosis. For more information, on the 'Cat Walk or the Cystic Fibrosis Founda-

South Nodaway to hold carnival, auction

tion, contact Rita Miller at 562-7933.

There will be fun and items to bid on at South Nodaway High School

South Nodaway is hosting a carnival and silent auction from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, April 13.

Items available to bid on include Northwest goodies, a surprise item from the Kansas City Chiefs, Omaha Royals tickets, Kansas City T-Bones tickets, St. Louis Cardinals tickets, free movies for one year from the Hangar, many restaurant gift certificates and

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LOCAL VOTING

CIP, city council seats to be decided in April 8 vote

By Kenny Larabee

Maryville citizens will have the opportunity to vote on two key issues

A Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) tax has been proposed to generate roughly \$7.9 million for city improvements. If passed, the CIP would increase the sales tax by one half of percent.

towards a city street program. One million dollars is estimated for water, sewer and drain repairs, and \$700,000 ment. Additional funds would be gency siren system and city parking Monday.

Chief Reporter

will take over this summer, owner

and simplify things, he said.

ing supplies, paint and hardware since opening in 1983.

Woodruff-Arnold, Barcus said.

"The Woodruff-Arnold name will disappear from the front of the store, but the Woodruff Arnold construction is still going to be here," Barcus said. "Feel free to pull around behind and come in the back door at lot of great people ... I wouldn't trade the construction office."

City Council applicants

Kirk Larson - Write-in candidate

Voters will also choose two new city council members. The two positions will be for three-year The main focus of the tax, an terms. Only one person has filed estimated \$4.8 million, would go for election, so write-in votes will be

The Nodaway County Clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. until would be allocated for trail develop- 12 p.m. Saturday, April 5 for absentee voting for the election. A person may allocated to issues such as an emeralso vote by absentee on until 5 p.m.

BUSINESS CLOSING

Woodruff-Arnold to close

By Micheal Clements

Woodruff-Arnold's building center plans to close after 25 years

remains open and a new business said. Keith Arnold said.

"It's going to be remodeled and come out as a different type of store, and we're not ready to divulge all the information on that yet." Arnold said. "It's going to be something that has not been seen in Maryville

With retirement around the corner, Arnold is looking to slow down door should open up in June after The building center has provided

Woodruff has been a name for and is looking forward to change. construction in Maryville since the

Construction, remodeling and service calls will be the new focus of

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The construction office does a variety of things including building and remodeling houses, plumbing, garage door installation and service calls to customers, Barcus said.

On the opposite side of the Woodruff-Arnold, housed in the building, Sears has enjoyed success same building with Sears at 1315 as being the top store in the district S. Main St. will close while Sears since opening last year, Arnold

Sears offers large appliances, lawn and garden supplies, tools and "Sears has done very extensive

research on Maryville and of course has some history," Arnold said. "We had a pretty good idea going into the project what it would do and it's met all those expectations." The store taking the place next

the remodeling process is completed. Remodeling will start once Woodruff Maryville with building and decorat- Arnold's closes, Arnold said. Michelle Wickersham, Arnold's daughter, will manage the new store,

> "As a family member it's kind of excited." Wickersham said. "It's not something my brother and I wanted to take on, as far as the lumberyard

> Woodruffs ask for the patients of the community while the store transforms into what Arnold calls a "big plus" for Maryville.

"Maryyille is a great town with a it for anything else, Arnold said."

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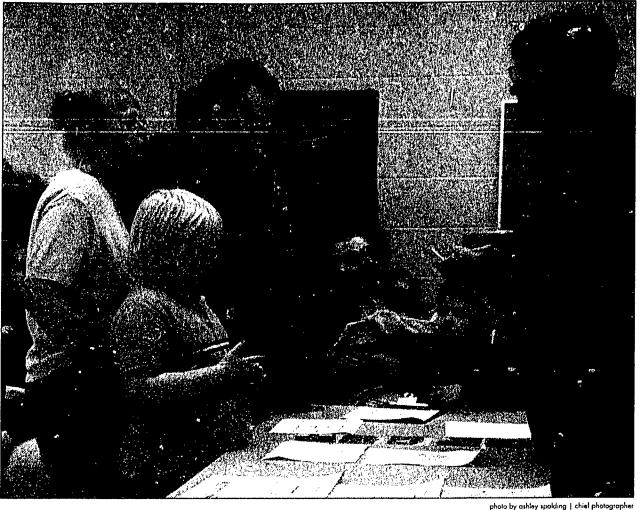
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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

I knew it. I just had that feeling that we already had it when we turned the application in"



THE NEW FAMILY for Habitat for Humanity looks at the new plans for their house, which was announced Monday evening. The house generally contains about 1,100 square feet of space for the family.

Habitat surprises family with the gift of a home

By Kenny Larabee

With April Fool's Day one day away, one Maryville family was told a little white lie that turned out to be a rather pleasant sur-

a Habitat home.

to find out that the request was awarded the 2008 Habitat Home for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity of Nod-

away County surprised the Grays by naming them their 2008 partner family at St. Gregory Catholic Church Monday evening. From this partnership, Habitat for Humanity will help the Grays to construct an approximate 1,100

The one-story, ranch style home will be constructed at the building that had previously occupied the lot was demolished Monday morning.

children, Logan and Sarah, will occupy the home. For LaDean, she started figuring out that something through the church doors.

"I knew it. I just had that feeling that we already had it when we turned the application in," LaDean said. "To make sure of it,

Habitat for Humanity is a not-

Nodaway County President Jim LaDean said; she has experience Wiederholt said, the house is not "They've (the families) got

to have the ability to make the monthly mortgage payments because there is a mortgage pay-Ryan and LaDean Gray were ment with this. We like to refer to asked to attend a Habitat for it as a hand-up, not a hand-out," Humanity meeting to further Wiederholt said. "So the need, partner with Habitat are the three

Not only does Habitat for merely a ruse: they were being Humanity help the Grays purchase a home, but it provides them with an avenue that might otherwise not be possible, LaDean said.

"It is a step up for us and with their help, it's possible, because with our income, if we were to go to the bank, we wouldn't get it," LaDean said. "The plus side is that we're going to pay on a principle and once we're done with that, it's done. It's not like we have to pay all this interest rate like other people out there are doing and address of 304 E. Cooper St. The struggling to do and losing their

Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway Ryan and LaDean and their two County has built, but the first in Maryville, Wiederholt said.

"We're really excited about it. Of course, many members of the Maryville community have gone into other communities in Nodaway County and help construct the previous four houses," Wiederholt said. "We're real excited to bring one here to Maryville see my mom walking across the that they can actually help build in their own town."

One of the requirements for for-profit corporation building being the recipient of a Habitat simple, decent, affordable housing home is that the family must help will go to our benefit of owning for families that display a need. in the construction. That shouldn't the home."

But as Habitat for Humanity of be a problem with the Grays, working with electricity and her husband, Ryan, has experience with roofing. LaDean also said that she hopes someday her family

"Hopefully after we're done with this, things will be situated to where we can continue to help them go to the other houses and evaluate area families applying for the ability to repay and willing to help out," LaDean said. Maryville Mayor Chad Jackson

> The city of Maryville chipped in by waiving the tipping costs accompanying the demolition and cleanup of the previous house,

> > Jackson said. "I think it's beneficial that they build throughout the county," Jackson said. "They kind of make themselves known throughout, and we're just one of the communities that they're trying to help out so I think that it's a benefit to be able to do what we did as a city." Some preliminary steps need

to be taken to get ready for the construction of the home, such as dirt work and the warming of the weather, Wiederholt said, but added that they will get started as soon as possible.

For the Grays, the chance to own their own home will have a

"It'll be a busy summer ...," LaDean said. "The one good thing is that all these years we've paid to rent and so all the money we've put towards that, if you add that up all over the years, it was towards someone else's benefit. Whereas the payments here, they

Clyde Monastery building catches on fire

Missourian Reporter

Early on March 23, a fire broke out in one of the monastery build-

The monastery is run by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual No one was injured in the fire up above."

fire that damaged the health care elderly or infirm sisters. All nuns

"The sprinkler system actually put the fire out before first responders even got there," Kelly Baldwin, ing from a state-of-the-art health

also caused water damage, is Baldwin said. believed to have saved the build-

"The sisters had great foresight in installing a second tier of sprinklers inside the ceiling," Baldwin said. "These sprinklers caught the They are not sure when the

elderly sisters are going to be able to move back in to the building. "If they have to take off part and staff were able to evacuate in of the roof, it will be much longer time with the help of some guests before the sisters can move back who were there for Easter services, in," Baldwin said. Communications Director Kelly Right now, the sisters are being

held in a part of the motherhouse that used to be an infirmary. "It has been a challenge mov-

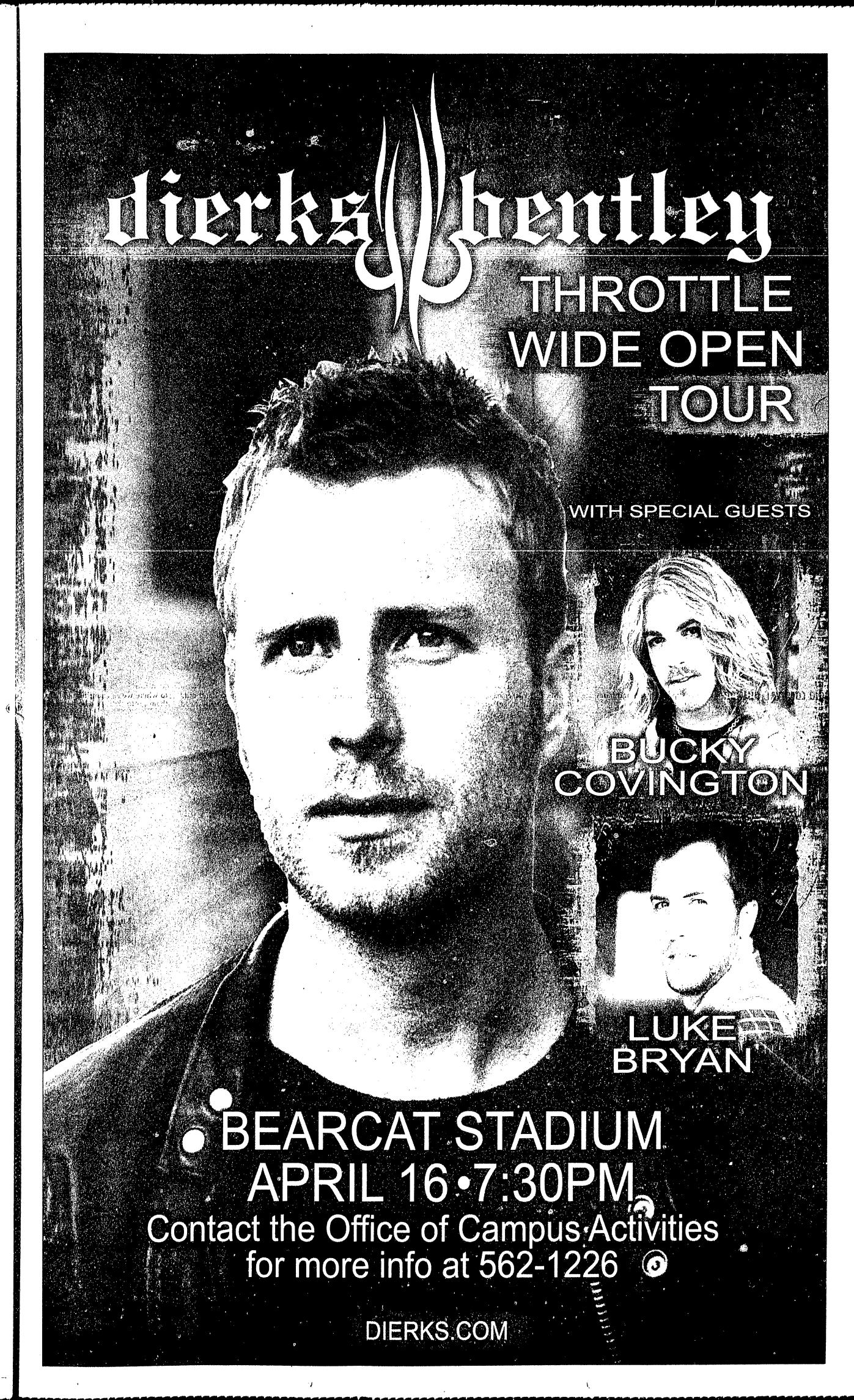
director of communications, said. care facility to the older building The sprinkler system, which that has no handicapped access,"

Because the monastery contains many different buildings, several of the sisters in the main monastery did not realize what

"During morning prayer it was announced that there was a fire and that the elder sisters were being evacuated and moved up to the main monastery," Sister Lynn

Community members came to assist in cleaning up, helping move the elderly nuns and providing other support.

"We have been humbled by the kindness we received and know we have been incredibly blessed,"



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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

Offseason focus shifts to coach, floor leaders

University Sports Editor

Up until last season, Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer had never let an assistant go.

That changed when Tappmeyer parted ways with second-year assistant coach Jerome Haden mid-season because of professional differences. Because of that conflict, Tappmeyer is saving his vacant assistant coaching job for a member of the family.

By family, he means whoever is named the next assistant coach must have strong ties to Northwest basketball.

"Somebody who hasn't been around it before might be somewhat unorthodox or not the traditional way everyone does it," Tappmeyer said. "I really want somebody that when they come in, I don't have to sell the way we do things. They already believe in it."

Since Northwest's regional semifinal loss to eventual Elite Eight participant Central Oklahoma, Tappmeyer said he has received a lot of interest in the job. The 20-year head coach said he expects to narrow his search list considerably by the end of next week.

While Tappmeyer is searching for an assistant coach, he's also searching for players he can call his floor leaders for next season. The previous leaders – John Hawkins, Matt Withers and Andy Peterson – all graduated.

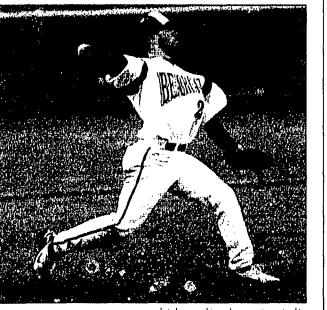
Tappmeyer said he expects returning starters Hunter Henry, Lance Sullivan, Eddie Gray and Mike Larsen along with Elijah Allen to step into that role for next year as recruits

"We've talked to them about the responsibilities," Tappmeyer said. "They have to be ready to take care of business in the offseason and show the new faces how high we set the bar here."

Tappmeyer said he considers the 2007-2008 season a success despite failing to advance past the second round for a second-straight season. The team did capture the MIAA Tournament Championship, which can be considered a major accomplishment, given the injuries that hit the team at crucial points in the conference season, along with the departure of Haden.

"I think we got to the point where we thought that our finish wasn't so bad. To be honest, I'm really proud of this team," Tappmeyer said. "You always like to win that next game, and if we could've played to our potential that we would've beat Central Oklahoma, but this team battled through the entire season."

NW BASEBALL



NORTHWEST SHORTSTOP RYAN Bledsoe throws out a Missouri Western baserunner in game two's seventh inning. Northwest split with the Griffons last Tuesday.

7-run surge stops Griffons, halts 4-game tumble

Community Sports Editor

After getting stymied in game one, the Northwest bats emerged quickly in game two of Tuesday's twin-bill.

Northwest plated seven runs in the second inning and coasted the rest of the way to take game two 10-3 over Missouri Western (10-15, 7-7 MIAA). Griffon third baseman Adam Carolan's two-run double in the sixth propelled his team past the Bearcats 5-3 in game one, however.

Western clung to a 3-2 lead in the top of the sixth, but executed two bunt singles to bring up Carolan. The third baseman blasted a double down the left-field line to bring

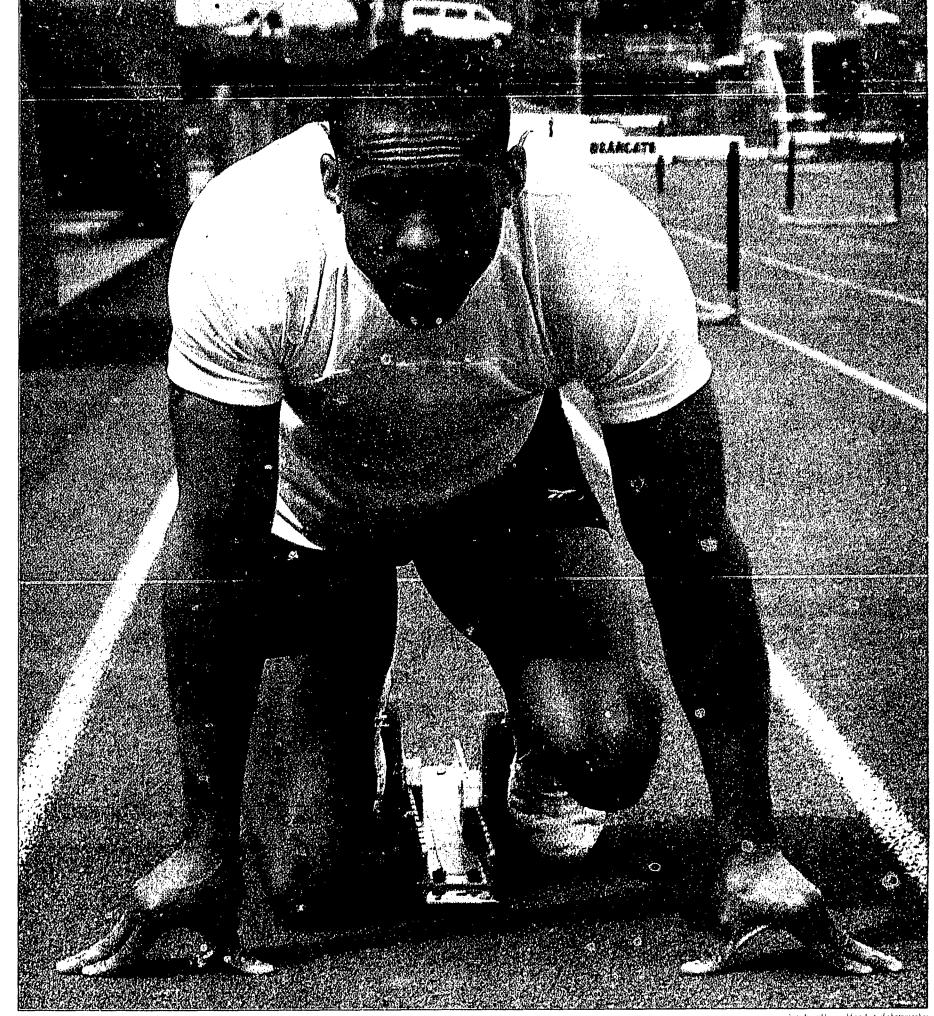
"It was pretty hard to watch," junior Chris Benham said. "It's always hard to watch bunts come in as runs to win a game. It's something that we just need to work on to make better plays on them."

Career RBI leader Britt Westman's home run gave the 'Cats a 1-0 lead in the second, but a two-out error opened the door to a three-run Griffons fourth inning to give them a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

"Those bunts weren't as big as our routine ground ball at shortstop which let in three unearned runs," coach Darin Loe said. "That was kind of the difference in the game." Freshman Adam Switzer was tagged with the loss,

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NW TRACK FEATURE



Misssouri Southern game. Falkner rejoined the track team during the winter, and qualified for the national meet in his first meet back.

FALKNER'S FINALE

By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

7 . J. Falkner's life is defined by speed. On the track, he's a nationally recognized sprinter. On the football field, he was the fastest wideout at Northwest. Even in the hallways, he moves quickly to cram in the hours needed to gradu-

The only speed that can rival Falkner's is the quickness with which some are ready to criticize him for leaving the football team toward the end of last season, a criticism Falkner said isn't fair. because he comes to practice and he works out hard. I think it's a good

"Don't label me as a quote-un-quote quitter," Falkner said. "Because that's not who I am." This winter, Falkner attempted to prove his commitment by rejoining the track team, which he left more than a year ago to focus on to make it a career after graduation. He participated in Northwest's pro

For a man who seems to be so in sync on the track, part of his problem may have been bad timing. He left the track team to focus on and maturity to describe his experience. He apologized to the football football and eventually quit football. He walked out on the football—team for the way he left, and is back on good terms with the coaching team in the middle of a game for everyone to see, a circumstance he

now regrets. "Most people got the wrong idea about him," Falkner's football and track teammate Kendall Wright said. "They don't really know what

went down, but they still judge him." The final year of Falkner's athletic career is radically different from the beginning. He caught 133 passes for more than 1,600 yards for the 'Cats, but it was on the track that he truly shined racking up four indoor

said. "Just knowing that you're not going to be in the rain to long. All-American honors and two outdoor All-American honors. The track is where Falkner will try to end his athletic career n a high note. But in order to do so, he had to make amends can't rain every day."

a time of 45.98.

Falkner wins the During the MIAA championship in the 400meter dash, and finishes 15th in the preliminaries at the

National Outdoor Track Championships, Falkner finishes second in the 400-meter dash setting the school record with

April 2007: Falkner leaves the track team to concentrate on preparing for

Nov. 10 2007: Falkner leaves the football team during its victory over Missouri Southern, an act he said was the hardest thing he ever did.

Winter 2008: Falkner rejoins the indoor track team and provisionally qualifies for nation als in his first meet

"I was telling the team I didn't want to be a distraction because of

Falkner joined the track team during the indoor season, and pro-

He struggled at the national event, but has another shot during

"I think he's grown up a lot," Alsup said. "He's matured a lot, and

But football isn't out of Falkner's life completely. In fact, he hopes

he's here for the right reasons. He probably gets along just great now,

day, an audition of athleticism for NFL scouts. He also has an agent. After a hectic senior year, Falkner is using words like humbling

staff, he said. He's thankful to both Alsup and head football coach Mel

Tjeerdsma for giving him the chance to get an education and play the

Though his senior year may have been rougher than his others,

"You just can't take things for granted nowadays. Honestly, I just

think that leaving the team and coming back and letting the football

team know I was sorry for my actions is all about manning up," Falkner

the prior situation with the football team," Falkner said. "I'm here to

help. I'm here to give my all to support this team with coach Al retiring

this year to get him a conference championship."

the outdoor season

situation for him and for us.'

Falkner has taken valuable lessons from it.

"Eventually, it's going to clear up. It

visionally qualified for nationals in his first meet back.

MURDER: Accused murderer released earlier this year from 8-year sentence

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LARSON, A

moving to Maryville about a year guy," Allen said. "Our kids always takes place today. ago, former neighbor Shirley Irwin played with each other."

"He was a hard worker and he thought the world of his girls," Steven has four children ages

2, 5, 8 and one in his middle teens,

Espey said. "He loved them to pieces, he was a good dad," Irwin said. Steven and Ruschia filed for divorce in March 2007, but Ruschia motioned for dismissal on July 6, 2007, and the trial was officially dismissed on July 30, 2007, accord-

ing to court records. Ruschia, Steven and Sapp all work for Kawasaki in Maryville, but Espey said Steven and Sapp did not know each other. Former neighbor Amy Allen

Steven's cousin, LaDean Gray, remembers growing up with him Missouri Correctional Center in spending time at their grandmother's in Forest City, Mo.

"We had dinner together every Sunday," Gray said.

Memories of sledding and fishing together as kids are still vivid moments of the past. Despite growing apart in their young adult years, Gray recalls Steven as a quiet charge kid who kept to himself.

"It's a real shock, you just can't believe it happened," Gray said. "1 year to his seven-year sentence. didn't actually comprehend what she was telling me at the time." Steven was taken to the Jack-

autopsy and was brought back to "I always thought he was a nice Mound City, Mo., where visitation

> released Jan. 21 from the Western Cameron following three prior convictions, spokesman Brian Hauswirth, Missouri Department

Sapp was sentenced concurrently to seven years in July 2000 for a second-degree assault charge and a receiving stolen property

News of Steven's death came charged with possession of an to Gray from her mother at 1:30 intoxicating liquor on the premises 2003. That charge added another

p.m., Friday. He will be buried in Forest City with his mother and worked alongside the Leachs in son County Medical Examiner for grandparents.

Sapp was conditionally

of Corrections said.

While in prison, Sapp was of a correctional center in April

Steven's funeral is set for 2

CENTER: Current facility falls short on parking, disability needs, officials say

who created the first skateboards most likely ture is immeasurable.

1950s, skateboarding was seen as a fad and by a skateboarding company.

and when the X Games began in 1995 it—going anywhere anytime soon.

SKATE: Parks like the one in

received a \$350 fine a little while ago at the

For this reason and safety reasons, many

"It gives the kids somewhere to go and

cities have built skate parks recently, includ-

the way people dress and act. The surfers

could never have imagined the impact of

dismissed by the mid 1960s, according to

Designed as a way to surf on land in the

into trouble," Sara Mayfield said.

their design 50 years later.

Maryville keep kids off streets

keeps them off the streets, and from getting are the ones that should be known," Terwil-

Like rock and roll music of the 1950s or for having a TV show. The best skaters are rap music of the 1980s, skateboarding, once the ones nobody's heard of rather than the a rebellious statement, ended up changing ones you see on TV like 'Rob and Big.'"

The 1990s brought a revival of the sport, now that it has it doesn't look like it will be

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with conference rooms. The center will also have adequate parking, Sut-

The current Alumni House is not compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act, there isn't enough parking or enough room to accommodate large gatherings. The electrical

continue to be used for small gather-

not sufficient for office standards, Sut- forward. ton said. The Alumni House has been in the area for several years. "We really moved into the neighborhood in 1980," Covert said.

exposed skateboarding to the mainstream

Some skaters resent the new mainstream

liger said. "You shouldn't be a famous skater

"Skaters who are famous just for skating

Skateboarding's impact on popular cul-

Look around any classroom on any campus and you are sure to find at least

It took almost 50 years since its creation

somebody wearing a piece of clothing made

to have a significant impact on society, but

Now many skaters have shows on MTV like Rob Dyrdek on "Rob and Big" or video games like Tony Hawk's series of games.

As plans move forward, measures applied for.

wiring meets housing standards but is are being taken to move the project Special use permits for signage and office space came through for

the proposed properties, University Advancement Vice President Orrie The current Alumni House will Covert said. The next step is providing the city with the final designs, and then building permits will be

> About 100 volunteers have already signed up and 100 more will be

TREE: Residents asked to get involved

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wishes to have more of. Some of these species include White Fringe trees, Hawthorns, several varieties of Oak and Yoshino cherry trees, which have become famous for their beautiful

blossoms in the Washington, D.C. area.

Johnson wants Maryville resi-

1217 South Main, Maryville, MO

"Folks like to connect to the soil and this will help people do that.

Everyone will enjoy the project, not just gardeners or agriculture people," Everyone is encouraged to vol-

needed to make the project as successful as it can be, Nally said. The first 250 volunteers to the event will receive a free T-shirt. In addition to Hubbard attending

(660) 582-2191

unteer for the plant-a-tree project, the event, Maryville Mayor Chad Volunteer Services Director Amy lackson and a representative from the National Arboretum will attend. dents to share in the tree community Nally said.

2008 WHO: City of Maryville and surrounding areas WHAT: Freshly made cakes specially designed for you WHEN: For graduations of 2008 WHERE: Your local Maryville HyVee Sweeten your graduation with a HyVee cake By Marcus Meade Asst. Sports Editor

An hour's notice was all Northwest's senior long jumper/hurdler Kendall Wright needed to prepare for his first decathlon.

"We had a couple people not show up ... and I called him and I said 'hey, you know you always said you were interested in doing the decathlon and thought it would be fun,' and he said 'yeah' so I asked him if he wanted to do it," Northwest coach Richard Alsup said. "He said 'yeah, that'd be fun. When's it start,' and I said 'in one

Though he had never competed in many of the events, Wright placed second in the Herschel Neil Decathlon with 5,900 points, Monday. Unattached athlete Rvan Koch finished first.

Wright's overall athleticism and expertise in the long jump and hurdles tied four of the first five events, but during the 100-meter hurdles.

"If you saw him do anything at all this weekend, some of it wasn't very pretty," Alsup said. "He's just very energetic and very athletic, but the first day are certainly some events he could be vary good in."

athletes competed in a seven-event heptathlon instead of the 10-event decathlon, and for the second year in a row, a Northwest athlete won the Ashley Nally Heptathlon. Junior Jennifer Kiss overtook Min-

final event to win by 11 points, a small margin in heptathlon competition. "It's nice to just have everything

come together," Kiss said. "I (got a personal record) in five of the seven events." Sophomore Lindsay Biermann competed in her first heptathlon with Kiss, and did well, women's coach helped him take the lead after the first Scott Lorek said. She could have finday of competition. Wright won or ished even higher if not for a crash

runners to Columbia for Missouri

Relays last weekend Junior Audrey Bailey ran well in the 400-meter hurdles, Lorek said, finishing second and beating runners from University of Missouri-Columbia and Iowa State.

Unlike the men, women's track "It's not her best time ever, but it's certainly the best she's ever competed," Lorek said, "and the weather was bad so times weren't very good."

The Northwest men didn't compete as a team last weekend, but will be on display here in Maryville for nesota State's Kayci Merrihew in the the Jock's Nitch Northwest Open, the Bearcats' only home meet until conference championships are held

"We have people in Maryville who like track and field, but they don't travel because events are so long," Alsup said. "But here they can come and watch some and go home and come back because it lasts all day." The Northwest Open begins at 10

a.m., Saturday, at Bearcat Stadium.



NORTHWEST ATHLETE JENNIFER Kiss long jumps during the Ashley Nally Heptathlon last Monday. Kiss won the final two events to propel her to the heptathlon title.

Vucenov earns top

Northwest women's tennis player Kristina Vucenov

It wasn't another national tournament berth, instead,

"She's (Vucenov) really coming along now," coach Mark

Vucenov, a NAIA All-American and Division II national

notched another honor on her already impressive resume

the MIAA named her Player of the Week. Vucenov went

undefeated in singles play and 3-1 in doubles action dur-

Rosewell said. "She had a great win against (Zuzanna Osin-

tournament qualifier, needed three sets against Northeast-

ern's (Okla.) Osinska. Osinska claimed the first set 6-4, but

Vucenov rattled off victories of 6-4 and 6-1 in the final two sets.

Osinska reached the national tournament with Vucenov

"I really needed that," Vucenov said. "That's helped

Vucenov owns 12 straight singles victories, improving

The team lost to No. 11 Northeastern State, 6-3 last

her record to 20-3, while her doubles record sits at 13-3.

Saturday, causing Northwest's first loss since March 1.

During Vucenov's Player of the Week run, the team went

ska). She's getting a lot of confidence right now."

build confidence for the rest of the season."

conference honor

NW TENNIS

By Scott Levine

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

"In this league, you have to win with a combination of high school seniors, junior college kids and Division I transfers," Steinmeyer said. "You just have to live with that."

school history.

After four years, the nine-year head coach has returned to that philosophy after his team won the MIAA Tournament Championship and notched the schools' second

including prolific scorers Mandi Schu-

Dietz and Rickeya McElroy. Dietz comes from Southern Illinois, while McElroy transferred from a junior college after playing her senior year of high school at Columbus Africentric in Columbus, Ohio – the same school that produced Northwest guard

Steinmeyer also has a point guard from Creighton who is expected to commit by week's end.

school commitments: guard Melanie Barnes, guard Shelly Martin and forward Tara Roach - the sister of Northwest defensive tackle Tyler

ments from 6-2 forwards Gentry pains, going 28-30 during that span.

Those players are joined by high

Roach. Roach and Martin come from our needs. I think we're going to be Nebraska, while Barnes hails from really talented next year," Steinmeyer

macher and Kelli Nelson, along with with the formula. After that tournabut I'm excited about the future."

defensive specialist Lauren Williams ment championship in 2004, Stein-

3-1, including a 2-1 against teams ranked in the top 40. The men, ranked No. 33 nationally, went 3-2 last week, including a win against No. 35 Midwestern State. "It's been tough for both teams with the elements." Rosewell said. "There is a big difference with having no

during the fall season.

wind indoors. We're still adjusting to it." Vigit Sehgal leads the men with a 13-4 record, while Giovanni Auricchio owns an 11-4 record, lake Saulsbury leads the team with 11 doubles victories.

"Jake is a doing a good job," Rosewell said. "He's moved up from last year. Every time he plays, he's an overachiever. That's about all you can do when playing a match. He's doing a great job."

The men and women return to action at 3 p.m., Saturday, against Minnesota State, Mankato, at home, before squaring off against Truman State at 1 p.m., Sunday, at home.

Tourney provides regional insight

good to see."

Northwest, ranked No. 5 regionally, lost the tournament's opener to the region's No. 1 ranked

runs in the next three innings to tie the score at eight. Southwest Minnesota State knocked in two runs off three hits in the bottom of the sixth inning to reclaim the

including a 9-7 triumph against No. 23 nationally ranked Minnesota State, and a 4-1 win against No. 9 regionally ranked South Dakota.

last four games."

doubled to centerfield. The next batter, Simpson, doubled to center and brought home Channell. Simpson later scored via a passed ball.

three innings to outlast Minnesota State's late six-run rally in the final three innings.

combined for seven strikeouts and allowed four hits. Ballard provided breathing room for Resa in the fifth inning. Leading 2-1 with runners on second and

10-3 win against Minnesota-Duluth and a victory against Wayne State. The 'Cats needed a six-run seventh inning

against regional opponents to 10-2.

"We started the year with only our top of the order hitting," coach Ryan Anderson said. "But now we've become somewhat balanced and everyone's contributing. That's something we have to have."

average with a team-high eight RBIs.

Northwest's focus now shifts to road conference contests. The 'Cats don't return home until April 11,

"The adrenaline gets going and teams are out to kill

The conference is so tight, that it's a toss-up right now." Already 1-1 in the MIAA, Northwest travels to Pittsburg State Saturday and Emporia State Sunday, A trip to UNO concludes the road trip Tuesday.

Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team squared off against five regional opponents at last weekend's University of Nebraska-Omaha Classic. The Bearcats went 4-1 against teams battling for the region's top eight spots, and they cemented themselves as a solid regional tournament

"(Last) weekend, we played lights out," infielder Kaila Ballard said. "It was a total team effort. It was just

team, Southwest Minnesota State. The 'Cats fell behind 7-2 after three innings, but rallied with six

lead and eventually win 10-8. Northwest then rattled off four consecutive victories,

"The last four games we really came together as a team," outfielder Megan Simpson said. "We had been consistent all year with our bats, but it's our defense

"Our hitting is way up from last year," Ballard said. "We'll always have rough patches, but when we've gotten people on this year, we're bringing them in. Right

Kelly Morris and Kelsey Resa manufactured strong

third, Ballard stroked a double, driving in Simpson and Northwest (18-9) concluded the tournament with a

to defeat Wayne State 6-2. Channell's two-RBI single. provided the go-ahead runs. The tournament improved Northwest's record

The 'Cats recorded a .349 team batting average runs per game. Simpson went 11-for-18 with six RBIs, two homers and four doubles. Ballard mustered a .467

when they face Fort Hays State. when conference season starts," Simpson said. "There's a

big difference from playing in February to playing now.

Results of Wednesday's Truman State game were not available as of press time.



This team's greatest asset is their attitude. You can have players with great talent but with poor attitudes and still lose ... We have a lot of talent and great attitude so if we keep that up we will go far."



SPOOFHOUND FRESHMAN AMY VandeVen attempts to split two LeBland defenders during the 'Hounds' 2-1 victory. VandeVen scored both goals for her squad in the victory. The 'Hounds continued their success by beating Auburn (Neb.) 8-0.

Blanchard leads high-powered squad

By Brian Bosiljevac Missourian Reporter

After starting off the season with a loss, the Maryville High School soccer team has battled back, winning

"In our first game against Lafayette, the girls were nervous," coach Bayo Oludaja said. "It was very good to see them lose those nerves by the LeBlond game and we seem to be on

a roll now." The Spoofhounds looked like their early-season jitters were gone on Tuesday during an 8-0 victory off to others, which is a good thing against Auburn. Offensively, the too. But hopefully tonight (Tuesday) 'Hounds pounded in eight goals against the Bulldogs, while the defense didn't allow a single shot

MHS TRACK

By Dustin Sander

Missourian Reporter

outside this season.

practicing indoors.

The Maryville boys' and girls'

After countless practices

The girls' team is still recover-

"We've had tons of injuries, but

Many of the runners suffer

ing from injuries stemming from

hopefully, we can all be healthy by

Friday for our first meet," Maryville

mainly from shin splints, making

girls coach Grant Hageman said.

track teams can finally start training

indoors; the Spoofhounds' track

team ran outdoors this week.

"In our first two games, we had

a problem finishing our shots, and it was very good to see it being done tonight (Tuesday)," Oludaja said. It was obvious that senior Ashley Blanchard did her part in finishing her shots. Blanchard was responsible

for five of the 'Hounds' eight goals against the Bulldogs. "She (Blanchard) is very talented. There's no doubt about that," Oludaja said. "We just need to get her to see that. Lately she has been holding back deciding to give the ball

Boys take first meet; girls get ready

handoffs.

Gadbois said.

official meet.

first place overall.

it hard for relay teams to practice

tough for [relay] teams to work

smaller indoors," senior Jordan

The 'Hounds looked strong at

the time trials did not count as an

its first meet Friday at Chillicothe.

meet last Friday at Graceland Uni-

The boys' team ran in its first

versity. The 'Hounds handily took 21 feet-and-2 inches

Maryville runners placed first peting Friday at Chillicothe.

the Cameron time trials, though said

The girls' team will compete in

on handoffs because it is so much

"Practicing indoors makes it

gave her confidence and showed her how well she can shoot."

Along with Blanchard, Malorie

attitude so if we keep that up we The girls look to avenge their

Ackman added a goal apiece.

younger girls.

will play well.

Blanchard is one of the four

"This team's greatest asset is

returning starters from last year's

team. Oludaja hopes this season will

provide a learning experience for the

their attitude," Oludaja said. "You

can have players with great talent

but with poor attitudes, and you'll

still lose. Also, you can have average

players with good attitude, and they

"We have a lot of talent and great

season's only loss against Lafayette at 5:30 p.m., Thursday at Lafayette.

relays. Coach Chris Holt said the

relay teams might be able to take a

smallest school in Class 3, and we

run into a lot of speed competing

Junior long jumper John Farmer

showed great promise to reach state

again this season. Farmer already

reached 21 feet in the season's first

meet. His longest jump of last sea-

son was only two inches farther at

The boys' team will also be com-

against the city schools," Holt

"State is tough, we are the

few spots in Class 3.

Pius and Richmond.

They were scheduled to play last Monday night at Lee's Summit Community Christian, but Sunday night's storms caused a cancellation. Conflicting schedules derailed a makeup date.

Maryville, 1-5 overall (1-0 in MEC), got its only win of the season last Thursday against conference opponent Lafayette 4-3. Alvarez credits strong pitching as a key to that victory.

senior Andy Walter moved over from shortstop late in the game and recorded a save for the 'Hounds. "We're kind of looking at Andy as a closer," Alvarez said. "He throws

at short stop more."

Although costly breakdowns

the ball really well but we need him

Hendrix drives to victory

By Mandy Threlkeld Missourian Reporter

The first home match of the season proved to be successful for the Maryville varsity boys' golf team. They defeated Mid-Buchanan by five strokes finish-

Coach Brenda Ricks said she was looking forward to the match today to see how her players would do with the home course advantage. Senior Luke Hendrix was a medalist in the match finishing with a 40, and fellow senior Zack Jackson was right behind The performance excited Ricks since Monday

was the first chance her team had to get out on the

"For the first two weeks of the season we were in the gym hitting birdie balls and doing other activities inside to help with team building," Ricks said. Although weather has inhibited practice, Hendrix

said he was pleased with his medalist performance. "I hit my drive really well today and my putting was pretty well to," Hendrix said. Jackson was also happy with the days perfor-

mance but said there is always room for improvement. The other scores for the day included Trevor Shell who shot a 45 and Tanner Reames who shot a With much of the season still left Ricks is looking

ahead towards state. She is looking for state qualifiers and tournament wins. Jackson is also looking forward to starting tournament play. "I look forward to all the tournaments. All are a chance to improve your game before districts and

state," lackson said.

The golfers return to action at 4 p.m., today, against Benton and Savannah on the road.

TANNER REAMES CHIPS onto the green on hole one during their meet against Mid Buchanan at Mozingo Lake Golf Course

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After slow start, slumping squad attempts to rebound against Dragons

on little things that will lead to an

By Christopher Woodland Missourian Reporter

Despite a sluggish start, the Maryville baseball team sees reasons for optimism for the rest of

The Spoofhounds dropped both games in the Excelsior Springs Tournament last weekend despite leading in games against both St.

The 'Hounds' pitching staf team in the long run according to coach Thom Alvarez.

tion. We've got to focus on making routine plays. "Sometimes our defense looks really amazing, but we need to focus on making the routine plays." Senior Aaron Dueker started the

game and garnered the win. Fellow have occurred from time to time in the field, the 'Hounds pitching has been solid thus far. Along with strong pitching, hitting has been an area the 'Hounds have been suc- Alvarez said.

preformed exceptionally in the two SPOOFHOUND TANNER WALTER was thrown out at third attempting to trying to games, but fielding errors cost the advance on a base hit during their loss to Benton, March 24. The 'Hounds are 1-5 this season with a win over MEC rival Lafayette. Alvarez feels a key component off," Alvarez said. "They've been to his team doing well is to improve really aggressive at the plate and

that's what I like. I don't like them

overall improved team effort. looking at pitches." The team does see reason for opti-"While we've been in every game so far the scores haven't really mism leading into its next game. shown it," Alvarez said. "We need "We think our hitting got a lot better mental focus and preparabetter this weekend, and if our pitching and fielding gets a little better we

> should be a good team," Dueker said. The 'Hounds try to improve their conference record to 2-0 tonight when they travel to Cameron for an MEC matchup.

The game will match strength against strength with Maryville's pitching going against a Cameron team that hits the ball really well

The J.V. and Varsity will be in

Farmer

"That's an area (hitting) we've action tonight against Cameron with been practicing and it's been paying—the first game starting at 4:30 p.m.

NWMSU, MHS Athletes of the Week

Wright Simpson Blanchard M The senior from Sulphur Springs, The senior forward scored five The junior outfielder from Blue The junior long jumper surpassed Texas, won five events at the Her schel Neil Decathlon last Sunday of her team's eight goals in Springs, Mo., went 11-for-18 with his state-meet jump of last season Maryville's 8-0 defeat of Auburn and Monday in Maryville. two home runs and four doubles in (20 feet, 8 inches) with a 21-foot (Neb.) Tuesday night imp at Graceland last week Presented by Located at 2016 S. Main St. Orthopedie & Sports Medicine 660-562-7000

Steinmeyer going back to the formula

Northwest women's coach Gene Steinmeyer has always had a formula for winning the MIAA.

Steinmeyer used that philosophy in 2004 when his transfer-laden team won the MIAA Tournament, and made its first national tournament appearance for just the third time in

tournament win in 24 years.

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innings) on just 78 pitches, got the win. Western's game-two hurler, Everett Saul, was not as efficient as Jack-

while Griffon pitcher Chris Jackson,

son, as it took him 43 pitches to get out of the second inning. Five 'Cats (Benham, Bill Disselhoff, Trevor Conner, Ryan Bledsoe no-hitter still intact, Loe pulled him in

and Ben Malick) singled to produce

four runs. Sophomore right fielder

innings. But then Malone hit a bat- get this win." ter and walked the next four to give

favor of Zach Weston.

Junior pitcher Danny Malone was "It's unfortunate he wasn't able to stifling the Griffons on the mound as continue on with that, but obviously well, no-hitting them through four we're in it for wins and we needed to

Weston and Brett Harvel allowed Western two runs. Despite having his just one run the rest of the way.

and transfer Andrea Dill, Steinmeyer meyer loaded his roster with freshhas found success on the transfer wire. man and over the next two seasons, Steinmeyer has gained commit- the team went through growing

> all of these growing pains." While Schumacher, Nelson, Williams and April Miller were part of that freshmen stockpile, Steinmeyer is hopeful his latest transfers will help returners Meghan Brue, Amber Vandevender and Jessica Burton

BASEBALL: Hot hitting cements win Brandon Kirsch punctuated the frame to pull anybody with a no-hitter, with a three-run blast (his second of the but at that point, to be honest, it was who threw a complete game (in seven day) to left to give the 'Cats a 7-0 lead. an easy decision for me," Loe said.

"We targeted all of these high school seniors. They just kept committing," Steinmeyer said. "I should have cut it off at three or four, but I didn't, so we got stuck with eight freshmen and we had to go through

build on back-to-back tournament "I think we've really helped fill

said. "There's a lot of variables, so you

Steinmeyer said he must stick don't know how it's going to turn out,

"It should be a tough decision

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ern this weekend for a four-game set.

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that's hurt us. But we played better defensively in those Against Minnesota State, Northwest utilized a three-run first inning to grab an early lead. Erin Leslie led off with a single, and scored when Cortney Channell

The 'Cats tacked on five more runs during the next

now, our one through nine (hitters) are producing." pitching performances against South Dakota. Morris and Resa allowed one earned run during seven innings. They

during the tournament, and averaged more than seven

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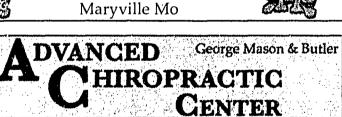
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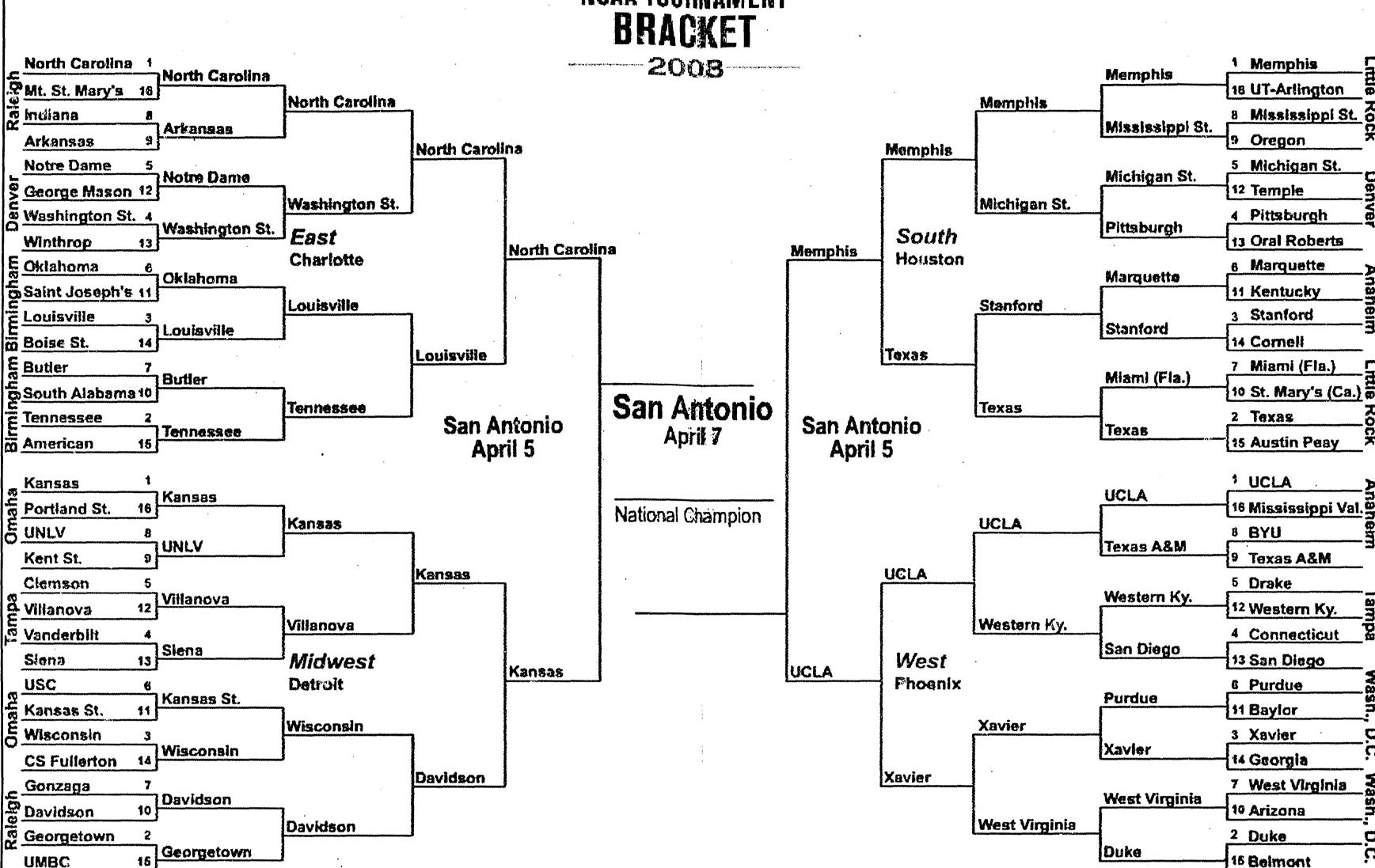


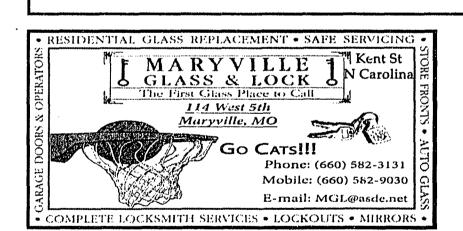
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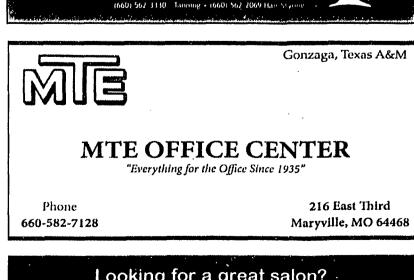
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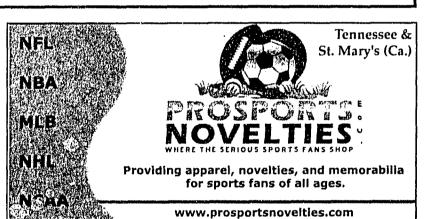








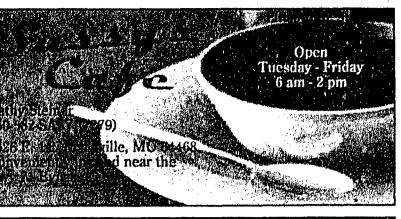






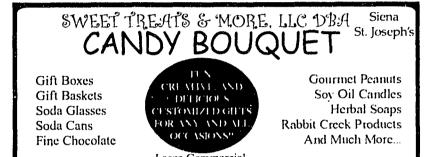








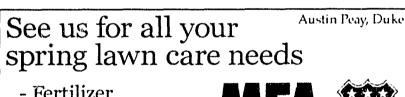








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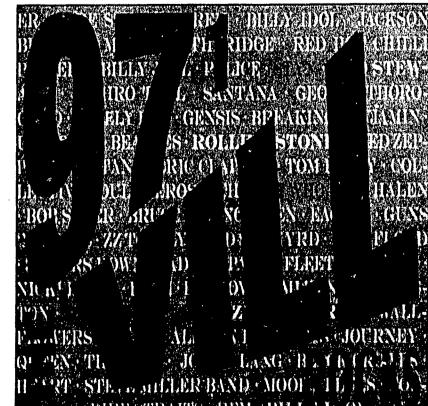
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Editor struggles with Kansas City's new identity

This is very strange. Nearly every prediction I've read involving my once-hearific Kansas City Royals has not included usual phrases such as

"100 losses" or "alarming lack of talent." Instead, pundits are complimentary of the team they used to

ignore or mock incessantly. Frankly, I don't know how to handle it. I'm so used to dealing with

that I'm at a loss for words when someone offseason moves, I am very pleased about says the Royals might actually do OK this

For the first time since that lucky season actually be able to do the talking for me. It's a good thing too, because even the most wellresearched insults at Cardinals or White Sox fans have little relevance when Kansas City consistently finishes beneath them.

Realistically, this is the team's biggest transition year in its rebuilding process. Last season, most of the key players were in their first years with the club, and helped it earn seven more victories than in 2006. 2008 will decide if this nucleus is the Infield one that leads Kansas City back to prominence or if Dayton Moore's handy-work is

simply another patch job. Since last season marked the first real progress in five years, I'm on board Moore's train to prominence and despite the temporary confusion with the team's identity, I'm obviously stoked to see how these Royals will progress in year two of the new regime.

First off, there is a new manager. I don't know a whole lot about Trey Hillman any standout qualities. beyond him managing in Japan for most

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lineups are now somewhere in the the No Limit Soldiers.

White Sox organization, inflicting misery at lower levels. I'll miss I'm a little depressed. Buddy about as much as I miss

While I am in the dark on

Four unproductive veterans who epitomized the Royals' previous identity.

LaRue and Elarton, according to batting average and ERA, had the worst seasons in team history last year, but were inexplicably given numerous opportunities. Buddy's affinity for these men drove me insane, and I'm glad that surreal chapter is over.

As for the holdovers and newcomers, I'll break this down for you.

One of the final bastions of "Buddyball," Ross Gload, remains at first base. I have nothing against this man personally, but he does nothing for me. He's a "gritty" player who will steal at-bats from players who will At second is another Bell favorite,

Mark Grudzielanek. Grudz is very old and like Gload, will not start in '09. Despite his physical resemblance to Northwest baseball coach, Darin Loe, Grudz doesn't really have

Tony Pena Jr. somehow retained the

of this decade, but I do know he shortstop position (probably due to the lack with a sub-four ERA. He got the worst run isn't Buddy Bell. Bell and his 100 of any competent shortstop throughout the entire organization).

Gload, Grudz, Pena all starting; OK now just 24, has the best stuff on the staff and I was one of the many who called for the 15 wins).

demotion third baseman Alex Gordon last The man was obsessed with year. The man was hitting .185 in June. But, 'gritty" veterans and gave them—he pulled it together to hit over .300 the rest—intent on losing a few blowouts this April. exorbitant playing time over the of the way. He's got the best swing on the Won't be around long. I'm setting the over/ young guys who needed those team and hopefully batting third this year under at May 10 on him leaving the rotadoesn't induce another awful start.

Catcher John Buck is probably the most obligatory insults and providing rebuttals Hillman and am not sold on some of the relieved after Buddy's exit, as he won't have the rotation. to battle someone batting .143 for playing Bullpen time. He still has to fend off Miguel Olivo though. Olivo signed here under false pre- last year and was lights-out in June and July Jason LaRue, Odalis Perez or every Royals tenses, thinking he would be the starting of 2003, the Royals' play on the field may fan's favorite whipping boy, Emil Brown. catcher. Sounds like the kind of bright man I want handling our young pitchers. Outfield

The Royals signed right fielder Jose 'pen scares me a bit. Riske and Greinke are Guillen to a ridiculous \$12 million a year no longer there, but the team acquired Japacontract. He won't be worth it, but he nese import and future Harmon Killebrew won't be a bust either. He also has a pendicon, Yasuhiko Yabuta. Yabuta and fellow ing steroid suspension coming. It's about setup man, Ron Mahay, will be 35 this seatime we got a guy on the juice. It just sucks son, which makes me a bit uneasy. they caught him before he got here; a legit Prediction steroider in our outfield could do some

Dave DeJesus still plays center and is the losing the best pitcher of the decade (Johan exact same player as Mark Teahen (LF). Both are hustle players; not very fast and opposite-field contact hitters with little power. I would almost prefer to trade DeJesus and start Joey Gathright, who is the league's this a season ago and I'll take it a little furfastest player, but has minimal instincts, in ther this year. 79-83; fourth in the Central. center. At least Teahen (eight home runs last The Indians and Tigers will finish 15 games year) isn't batting third. That was painful to ahead of the other three teams, but the Roy-

Gil Meche is the No. 1 guy and he for a playoff spot, but it will be the last year proved many skeptics wrong last season that they're a running joke.

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support in the AL though, so those numbers

didn't translate into wins. Zack Greinke, still

will finally have a take-notice year (around

player (Brett Tomko) and is apparently

tion suffering a mysterious "injury." The

same tactic KC used to get Elarton out of

with Greinke, David Riske and closer Joa-

kim Soria preserving leads for the starters,

which had been a rare occurrence in 2006.

With the White Sox clinging to 2005 in

re-signing their aging nucleus and the Twins

Santana), an unthinkable third place finish

2008 will not be the year they compete

in the AL Central is not crazy.

als will be around for a while.

This unit was the strength of the team

Kansas City did sign a Buddy-type

■Chicago White Sox at Detroit, noon WGN — I know where I'll be at this time Friday. The great station located in Chicago shows the Sox once in a millennium, so this is

Saturday

■Memphis vs. UCLA, 5:07 p.m. CBS — I'm not too interested in the Roy vs. Bill game, so I'll watch this one more intently the Tigers may be the most talented, but UCLA is probably the best coached team. This is a classic battle between

■Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead, 8 a.m. HBO -- This

■ World Figure Skating Championships, 4:30 p.m. ESPN -I'm going to watch what ESPN does not want me to watch.

I'm a realist though, and this is not the year the team is ready to do that. I drilled

#Houston at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m. WGN — It's baseball time. My favorite station with my one of my least favorite oadcasting teams will showcase the greatest team to not win

Sam's TV Picks

■Almost Famous, 9 a.m. TBS — Great film about directed by Cameron Crowe (who also did Jerry Maguire and Singles) Crowe drills another time period here in following a 15-yearold aspiring critic as he tours with the fictitious band, Stillwater across the country.

above, you'll see my feelings on Brett Tomko. The man makes his first start as a Royal. It'll be hard to adjust to because we actually won the Tigers' series, but it will likely bring back painful Odalis Perez and Scott Elarton memories when we're down five in the fourth inning. Let's hope the bats can bail out Tomko's ineptitude

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Brett's TV Picks Friday

and I hope their big men can at least contain ■Kansas City at Minnesota, FSN, 7:10 p.m. -- John Bale takes on Scott Baker. Royals could potentially sweep this **NCAA Final Four** series from the new-look Twinkies

Memphis beat Texas handily in Houston. This It looks like I'm the renegade of this bunch. I'm will be the best of the two games Saturday, as not sold on UCLA or Memphis really. But until UCLA is not your typical west-coast squad, with last round, UCLA was a little lazy so I give the ■Kansas vs. North Carolina, CBS, 7:47 p.m. — Watch Roy NCAA National Championship

■Kansas City at Minnesota, FSN, 1:10 p.m. — Brett Tomk makes his debut in the starting rotation as he opposes Boof Bonser - the greatest name in Major League Baseball

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Team

1. Central Missouri Until the Mules lose to Emporia, they get this spot 2. Emporia State 3. Northwest

Hornets hold league's top spot, but have yet to face Mules Are a cut below ESU and Central as of now 4. Pittsburg State Are in the midst of a massive logjam in the middle of the conference 5. Missouri Western Split with Bearcats on Tuesday, but got hammered 10-3 in game two Fort Hays took three of four from Northwest and sits at .500 7. Missouri Southern Lions are the final .500 team in the conference and come here Friday At 5-7, they're right in the thick of the deep race for third place 9. Southwest Baptist The bottom two teams do not factor into this aformentioned race

2. Northwest 3. Truman State

1. Emporia State Haven't played any conference games, but ranked nationally Big weekend should propel team to higher regional ranking Not a very good record, but should turn things around Split with Northwest, and could be en route to the regional tourney 4. Missouri Western 5. Central Missouri

6. Washburn 7. Fort Hays State

It will be a long year for the Gorillas

Memphis vs. UCLA — Memphis

The Jennies are 3-1, but have tougher competition ahead Have a decent overall record, but not much to show for in MIAA 8. Southwest Baptist Undefeated in conference, but still a long ways to go

Marc's Picks NCAA Final Four

Kansas vs. North Carolina — Kansas

Memphis vs. UCLA - Memphis

Kansas vs. Memphis — Memphis

NCAA Final Four MVP

will be busy bricking threes.

Derrick Rose

Well I couldn't pick Kansas. The Jayhawks

screwed me when they choked in the finals last

time. I had money on that game. Memphis has

a serious chip on their shoulder. Don't underes-

I know I seem crazy, but I got this feeling. Every-

one loves the Tarheels. I think Kansas is deeper,

9. Pittsburg State

10. Truman State Aside from the 400-meter hurdles, this school has no claim to 6

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* We at the Northwest Missourian do not acknowledge the NBA as an actual sports organization. Therefore, no NBA picks.

Scott's Picks **NCAA Final Four**

Kansas vs. North Carolina — North Carolina Kansas will play better than they did against Davidson, but it won't be enough against UNC. lavhawks get another blow when Bill Self exits for Oklahoma State.

NCAA Final Four

Memphis vs. UCLA — UCLA The Tigers are extremely long, and they've made it much farther than I thought they would. But this is Ben Howland's third consecutive trip to the Final Four, and he's finally going to get it done.

NCAA National Championship UCLA vs. North Carolina --- UCLA

Kevin Love gets the best of Missouri product Tyler Hansbrough as the Bruins win another basketball title. Ed O'Bannon, Tyus Edney, Toby Bailey, Jim Harrick and the rest of the former champions all rejoice as the Bruins hang another banner. Even near-national champion Cade McNown relives his glory days on the gridiron.

NCAA Final Four MVP

This is Love's first and last Final Four MVP as he joins the NBA next year.

Brett's Picks NCAA Final Four

Kansas vs. North Carolina -- North Carolina Davidson exposed vulnerabilities in KU's defense during the Elite Eight. Stephen Curry Roy Williams gets the best of KU, and then the diced up the Jayhawks, and North Carolina is dominant inside and outside. I started liking Roy Williams after he left KU, so I'll be cheering for Roy as he beats the snot out of his old team.

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the nets down in San Antonio.

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NCAA Final Four Kansas vs. North Carolina -- UNC Davidson felt what it was like to be on the other side of KU luck last Sunday. UNC won't. They're

Sam's Picks

UNC in the title game.

too good to succumb to that. Dick Vitale is probably wetting himself over this matchup. **NCAA Final Four**

be a long night in San Antonio.

Memphis vs. UCLA — UCLA This has the makings of a high-scoring game. Memphis made Texas look like a high school basketball team in its Elite Eight win. The Bruins can't afford to have an average game, or it will

NCAA National Championship UCLA vs. North Carolina — UCLA

Kevin Love will give Tyler Hansbrough fits all night. It will be a close game, but UCLA will cut

Kevin Love will shut down "Psycho-T", but Love won't have a very good night, offensively. Collison knocking down shots will be what gets

NCAA Final Four MVP

Memphis still has too much talent and will meet

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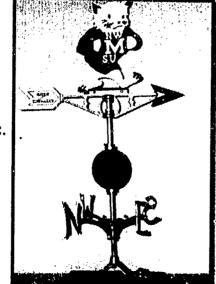
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season is baseball fathers.

MOVIE REVIEW

By Brian Johnson

from the record.

In his newest

movie, "Drillbit

Taylor," Wilson

delivers an unex-

pected hilarious

performance that

won't show up

on many critics'

favorite movie

lists, but is enter-

taining never the

Director Ste

en Brill, who

has previously

directed such

comedies as "Mr.

Deeds," "Heavy

Weights" and

comedy in "Drillbit Taylor." Wilson,

who plays the title character, is an

Army ranger turned homeless loser

a bodyguard from bullies at their

Going into this movie, Lexpected

experienced with previous Wil-

son movies such as "You, Me and

Dupree" where he plays the village

idiot and everyone else laughs and

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admit that Wilson was actually

really funny in this film, and while

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about Owen Wilson be stricken and curses like a sailor but since

That means baseball

No, it's not the delu-

the cellar to even compete for a .500

I don't mean Alex Rodriguez's

I'm referring to the lunatic little

record. Though, they are a hoot.

has a problem).

Top 4 picks of the week By Sydney Moore Features Reporter

Hitting theaters this week -"Leatherheads," a romantic comedy starring George Clooney ("Michael Clayton"), John Krasinski (TV's "The Office") and Renee Zellweger ("Bridget Jones' Diary") hits theaters everywhere this Friday. Set in the 1920s, Dodge Connolly (Clooney) is a pro-football player who is determined to get his team back on track. In order to help do so, Connolly convinces a college football star, Carter Rutherford (Krasinski), to join his team. The new star seems almost too perfect and journalist Lexie Littleton (Zellweger) agrees. As Littleton tries to find the real story of Rutherford, he and Connolly become rivals off the field as well, trying to win Littlton's affection.

New on DVD - "Alvin and the Chipmunks" was released on DVD Tuesday, April 1. Jason Lee (TV's "My Name is Earl") stars in this family film as Dave Seville, a struggling songwriter in Los Angeles. After a not-so-good first impression, Seville is introduced to the computer animated Alvin, (Justin Long, "Live Free or Die Hard") Simon (Matthew Gray Gubler, "RV") and Theodore, (Jesse McCartney, "Summerland"), three musically-inclined chipmunks whose tree was chopped down and sent to L.A. The three rodents help Seville with his career by singing his songs and the four try to make their dreams come true, despite problems caused by record executive Ian Hawke, (David Cross, "I'm Not There") who tries to

crush their hopes. Artist worth checking out Kate Voegele, a 20-year old singersongwriter from Bay Village, Ohio has become a new personal favorite, thanks to her musical debut on "One Tree Hill." Her debut album, "Don't Look Away" was released May 22, 2007, from MySpace Records. My favorite song, "Wish You Were" describes exactly how most young girls feel after a breakup; confused, sad and ust wanting things to go back to th way they were. Young girls can find something they can relate to on this 13-song album, with her lyrics relating to breakups, new romances and

everything in between. Check out the new MTV competition - "Rock the Cradle," which premieres tonight at 9 p.m., is a new singing competition that showcases the talent of nine aspiring talents. The twist with this new show is that the competitors aren't everyday people - they're the children of legendary music stars. The lineup includes Chloe Lattanzi, daughter of Olivia Newton-John; Crosby Loggins, son of Kenny Loggins; and Jesse Money, daughter of Eddie Money, just to name a few. The nine finalists will compete each week in front of a panel of three judges ("American Idol" style), and one will be sent home after each episode. In addition to the competition, they'll also give insight on what it's like to have

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Little Timmy Robins strikes out swinging to end an inning. Chin dad, though, he may be crazy too. buried in his chest, he drags his bat back to the dugout. Coach Hasbeen league dads, the crazy drunk morons stands in the dugout waiting. All that spring up in the news at least—the fans know what's about to hap-

Owen Wilson nails it in 'Drillbit Taylor'

actor, Troy Gentile, who also starred

he's funny.

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can then feel better about his career as a bowling alley attendant and his dependence on Levitra. Fits of insanity aren't exclusive to coaches either. Many great acts of stupidity come from parents in the stands who, after a

got cheated on a call.

bunch of kids kicking around routine groundballs, or a drunken fist-fight

Although, not all credit can be ing moments. The scenes at the end

he is a little kid, you my "Best of 2008" lists, but for what

forgive him because it was worth, "Drillbit Taylor" was

Most critics that brought me back to the trials

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write off this movie ward teenager. Owen Wilson has

based on the concept—also earned my respect, for now.

actor, I admit I was "Drillbit Taylor"

given to Wilson. Another young where the kids finally stand up to

in "Nacho Libre," plays the smart- It was like watching a young Rocky

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian

the bullies are especially inspiring.

This movie will not be on any of

an entertaining and lovable ride

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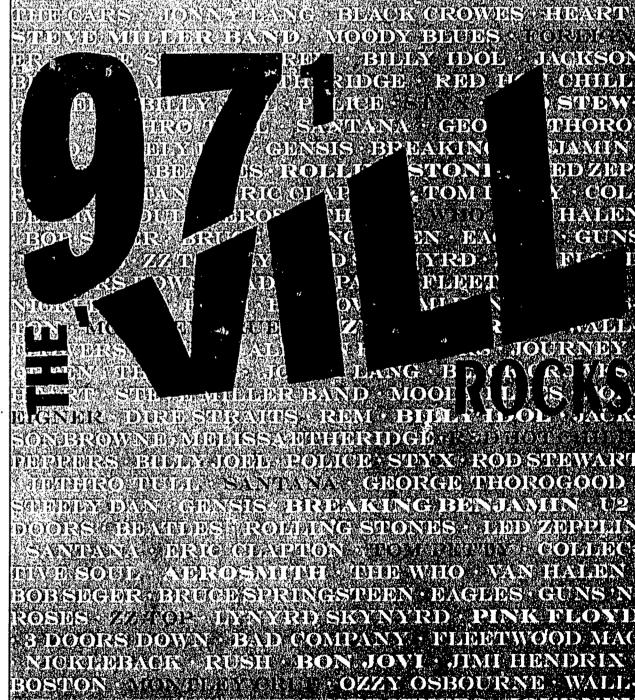
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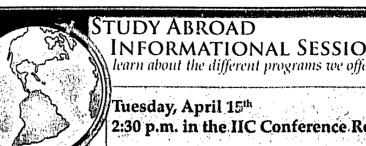
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Seth Rogen who starred in "Knocked Up" was credited as "Little Nicky," has served up a the writer, and he is going to be a surprisingly hilarious and fun new mainstay in Hollywood because of his writing. His wit and sarcasm is The only thing I didn't like who is hired by three teenagers as about this movie was the fact that the two bullies got away with all of their actions. In today's society, bullying is strictly frowned and it to be a typical gag-fest that I've acted upon and they wouldn't have been able to get away with even half of the things they did to these kids such as stuffing them in lockers and just flat-out punching Fortunately, this isn't enough to ruin the movie. What really sells the movie is the slapstick comedy loser role, he was so funny doing it that never gets old in any movie. This film also has plenty of inspir-

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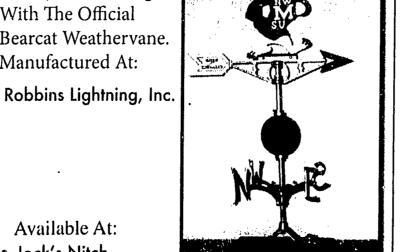
Soria returns, but the remainder of the

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By the time she went to college, she started remembering her past. Started to remember everything she had blocked out, everything she had forhe was 13 when it happened. gotten

Much of her childhood, growing up in Illinois came back to her, a flood of painful memories. The memories of sexual abuse as a child and rape at the tender age of 13.

Northwest Associate Professor Lauren Leach-Steffens is a sexual abuse and rape survivor and after years of therapy is open about her experiences.

"It's important for me to talk about it, because it's important to know you can come out on the other side," said. "It doesn't mark you for life. It's not a scarlet

Though she is open with her story, Leach-Steffens tries to focus more on the recovery than the incidents themselves. All she'll say is that it wasn't close family who victimized her, making sure to say that her father is one of her biggest supporters.

Leach-Steffens was "very gregarious but awkward," she said, describing herself as a child who trusted easily and was bullied often.

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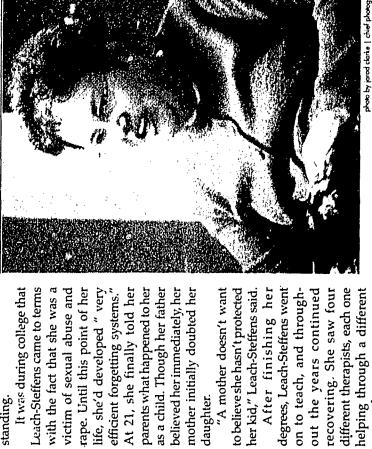
That combination is a common personality pedophiles

"Pedophiles target children that they gain their trust. look for, she said.

Throughout her years of abuse, she forgot much of it. When she was raped at 13, it brought an end to the abuse. And once you become a child victim, it's easy to become and realize she's a stronger person because of the work Now, 32 years later, she can look back on her recovery a victim again," Leach-Steffens said.

to University of Illinois, two and a half hours away from her small hometown. She hadn't dated in high school, but what Leach-Steffens calls "full-fledged post traumatic Her journey to recovery began when she went away started to in college. But the new relationships triggered stress disorder." she's done.

It started to interfere with her class work, as she was having severe anxiety attacks frequently. But, fortunately, she found an all-female support group for victims and a female graduate adviser who was helpful and under-



AS A SURVIVOR of sexual assault and rape, Northwest Associate Professor Lauren Leach-Steffens found help and confort during college through various support systems. Now, she wants to share

her story of recovery and help other young adults struggling with similar issues.

As seen in Leach-Steffen's case, her years in college played a huge role in helping her deal with her traumatic past. Though current programs in place are different and more diverse than those offered during her years as a "I'm not a victim anymore," she said. student, the concept is still the same.

allowed for a project director and assistant director who dedicated their time to raising awareness on campus, Two years ago, Northwest started The Lighthouse Project, a "program to reduce violent crime against women "The program was funded by a two-year grant through the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women. The funding, an estimated \$200,000, counseling students and providing support however on campus.

they can.

The staff was in charge of planning events such as the Clothesline Project, Denim Day and the White Rib-

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